

Special CIO Session Against Smith Bill

Murray Summons Leaders For Monday

Nelson and Patterson Warn Measure Will Hurt Production

By Adam Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, March 19.—Representatives of all CIO international unions and industrial union councils were summoned today for an "emergency session" on Monday by President Philip Murray to rally labor against the Smith bill and other anti-labor proposals.

Murray in his summons to CIO leaders throughout the nation said the urgency of the meeting required "all considerations" to be set aside for full attendance at the session. The CIO representatives will meet at the National Press Club.

Meanwhile, War Production Chief Donald Nelson and Under-Secretary of War Robert Patterson warned that anti-labor legislation may impede the whole production drive.

Nelson told this to an exclusive session of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee headed by Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma, investigating the labor situation.

Nelson told reporters later that "we can get increased production without use of force."

"I want to see labor and management given a chance to carry out their promises," he said.

NELSON RAPS BILL
Senator Thomas summarizing Nelson's testimony for reporters, declared that the Production Chief felt that anti-labor legislation might have a "harmful" effect on the nation's arms program.

Under-Secretary Patterson in charge of the War Department's production effort, strongly opposed the Smith bill at the House Naval Affairs Committee hearing.

The labor situation is "very favorable" as far as strikes are concerned, Patterson told the committee.

"There is certainly no wave of strikes in the country today," he said.

Patterson declared that the Smith bill would have an effect of "out-lawing all forms of union security" and would abrogate all union contracts providing for any form of preferential or closed shop.

He said that this "might have a disruptive effect on labor relations and on labor security."

The War Department official declared that the Wage and Hour Act and other laws providing for time and a half for overtime over 40 hours, which would be repealed by the Smith bill, are "not hindering" the production effort.

ADMINISTRATION STANDS
Following President Roosevelt's statements at his press conference on Tuesday, the testimony by Nelson and Patterson today made it plain that the entire administration is definitely opposed to the Smith bill and to similar anti-labor legislation.

On Tuesday there will be a special meeting of the CIO Executive Board which will be held at a local hotel instead of the United Mine Workers' building.

Murray and AFL President Green are scheduled to testify before the Naval Affairs Committee in opposition to the Smith bill next Thursday. Navy Department officials will take the stand tomorrow.

The first witness at the hearing

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The TRUTH

AN EDITORIAL

OUTRAGEOUS untruths are being employed by those who want to torpedo the war effort, in their uproar for "work or fight" and sweatshop legislation.

In their try at creating such friction, as would upset the growing national unity, these appeasers have not hesitated to represent strikes as widely paralyzing production. They are guilty of equally gross fabrications about the 40-hour week, including the false assertion that no workers in munitions factories are laboring beyond that period and that this is hampering production.

These falsehoods have now met with resounding refutations. From representative leaders of the government, the Army, Navy, and the employing interests have come statements as to the TRUE state of affairs. And here is what these leading citizens and officials—not representatives of labor, mind you—say:

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT scored the drive for anti-labor legislation, and said that those back of it had created "an amazing state of public misinformation." The President also emphasized that workers are now working more than 40 hours per week in most munitions factories, and that there is "no strike problem" in the country.

SPEAKER THOMAS H. RAYBURN stated that production stoppages have been reduced to about zero. On March 17, he said, there were fewer than 100 of some 7,000,000 war workers on strike. The "indignation meetings" whipped up by the appeasers, Rayburn scored as providing valuable ammunition for the Axis.

GLENN MARTIN, president of the Glenn L. Martin Co., said: "The 40-hour week will not hamper the aircraft industry's production." And he added: "There has not been a serious stoppage since Dec. 7."

TOM GIRDLER, of the Consolidated Aircraft Corp., declared: "Labor is, with few exceptions, throwing itself unselfishly and wholeheartedly into the job of giving the country an air force."

ADMIRAL EMORY S. LAND, head of the Maritime Commission, also opposed any regimentation of labor or anti-strike legislation. He noted that "our labor leaders are playing ball" and that anti-labor legislation would bring about a discontent which would seriously interfere with production.

LIEUT. GEN. WILLIAM S. KNUDSEN, War Department Production Chief, stated that to draft labor "won't work in this country," and strongly opposed anti-strike legislation and any repeal of the hours law.

ROBERT PATTERSON, Assistant Secretary of War, said that the number of strikes and time lost in January and February of this year were infinitesimal. He stated that any attempt to regiment labor "would be foreign to anything we have ever done."

THESE are not statements by labor men, but by the President of the United States, government officials and large employers. In view of that fact, it is obvious that the anti-strike and sweatshop legislation campaign is not primarily an unjust attack on labor but is a move against the war and against all people loyally prosecuting the war.

The record of labor, in cooperating with the war effort, is one of which it can justly be proud. Since Pearl Harbor, there has not been a strike of any consequence throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Only last week, Local 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers voluntarily relinquished the 30-hour week which it had taken such pains to establish. And on March 12, by a unanimous recommendation in which the labor members joined, the National War Labor Board decided in one case that "time and one-half should be paid for Saturday work ONLY if in excess of 40 hours per week."

This latter decision was in the case of the Bower Roller Bearing Co., of Detroit, and the United Automobile Workers Union, CIO. And what does this mean? That in the Bower Co. plant, labor relinquishes its claim to overtime pay for Saturday work, when such time does not exceed the 40-hour period. That is a healthful and helpful concession on the part of the union and of the unions' representatives on the Labor Union Board which highlights the entire attitude of labor. It reveals the increasing cooperation which is being promoted between labor and patriotic employers, and which the appeasers would like to destroy.

The people can spike the guns of these fifth columnists. Without delay, every community can flood its representatives in Congress with a strong demand that they say "thumbs down" immediately to this pro-Hitler game. It is UNLAWFUL which the nation needs in this hour of crisis and test—and the anti-strike and sweatshop legislation is designed to tear that unity asunder. Let Congress know that the defeat of this legislation is what the country desires.

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Soviet Guerrillas Seize Huge Territory

Heavy Counter-Attacks By Germans Continue on Many Sectors

LONDON, March 19 (UP).—Soviet tanks and infantry have driven the Germans from a strong line based on a railroad below Leningrad, first blasting a wide breach in it and then streaming through to assault the enemy from the flank and rear, the Red Army reported tonight.

A Moscow dispatch reporting the victory on the Leningrad Front said the Germans not only had been routed from a vital line they struggled desperately to hold, but also had lost a railway essential to their northern communications.

Small Soviet warships operating in a unit known as "Hunters of the Sea" were reported to have rolled up a record of eight German submarines sunk and 23 planes downed in the Baltic.

A night communique broadcast from Moscow said there were "no important changes" on the front Thursday, and that 19 German planes were destroyed Wednesday with seven Soviet losses.

Other Soviet broadcasts told of the capture of an inhabited post in the Donets Basin and a strongly fortified post on the Kalinin Front, together with advances below Leningrad, but they appeared to be local successes.

Despite heavy snowstorms which slowed down operations on the Central Front, Soviet troops stormed and captured a fortified crest commanding a broad sweep of the surrounding plains.

They also took an unidentified village said to be of great tactical importance and held it against determined German counterattacks. The Germans lost more than 350 in killed and a large number of anti-tank guns in the operations.

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Open Negro Project, Auto Union Insists

Executive Board Flays KKK, Calls on City to Smash Fascists

By William Allan (Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, March 19.—The national executive board of the United Automobile Workers Union, CIO, today urged immediate occupancy of the Sojourner Truth Housing Project by the Negro war workers for whom it was built.

The board acted while in session in Chicago after an appeal by the Rev. Charles A. Hill, chairman of the Sojourner Truth Citizens Committee.

The board meeting also voted to call a series of eight regional conferences to stimulate victory production campaigns as appealed for by Donald Nelson of WPB. It condemned a one-time "labor leader," John Ringwald, one of Homer Martin's chief aides during the racial struggle in the union. Ringwald had become personnel director for the Ford company at the Willow Run bomber plant.

Backing up the board's condemnation, petitions signed by hundreds of Ford workers demanded that the union refuse to negotiate with this disruptive Ford Motor Company employee.

The board said of the Sojourner Truth issue, in part: "Our country is engaged in a life-and-death struggle with Hitlerism, one of whose most repulsive practices is the creation and stimulation of race prejudice. At such

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For All-America Labor Unity!



Vicente Lombardo Toledano (right), President of the Latin American Federation of Labor, here to confer with CIO and AFL heads on a program of cooperation between Latin American and United States labor, is shown at a press conference with Alexander Carrillo, president of the labor bloc in the Mexican House, who is here on the mission with him. —Daily Worker Photo

'New Republic' Urges Release of Browder

Editorial Calls Case 'A Test of Our Democratic Principles'

The editors of the weekly magazine The New Republic declared editorially yesterday that they believed it "would serve both the ends of justice and of national policy today" for President Roosevelt to release Earl Browder from prison.

In making their plea in behalf of Browder, the editors of the magazine at the same time registered their opposition to the Communist Party.

The text of the editorial titled "The Case of Earl Browder" follows:

Amid the tensions and alarms of a global war Americans are in danger of forgetting the case of Earl Browder. We believe that it would serve both the ends of justice and of national policy today for the President to release him under his pardoning power.

The editors of The New Republic have consistently opposed the Communist Party and have regarded many of its policies, especially in the past few years, as both harmful and unwise. But if a Mormon had been unjustly treated by our

law one would not have to be a Mormon to point out the injustice. Similarly with Browder as a Communist. Our readers will recall Wendell Wilkie's condemnation of the Browder sentence in a New Republic article in 1940. And on the back page of last week's New Republic

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Allied Planes Hit Enemy Cruiser

Stillwell Heads Chinese Armies; Australia Girds for Showdown

CANBERRA, March 19 (UP).—Japanese troops, guided through the mountains by New Guinea children who had been "baptized" at German missionary schools, were reported marching today on Port Moresby, springboard for an invasion of Australia, undaunted by crippling new blows struck against their invasion fleet by Allied fliers.

Coincident with reports that Allied fliers had bombed another heavy Japanese cruiser and had scored damaging "near misses" on two other ships, it was revealed that "considerable" Japanese forces were pushing across the southeast finger of New Guinea from their Hapon Gulf bases, and that native children, trained at Nazi centers that have existed for years in Finichafen and Alexshafen, in North New Guinea, were pointing out the trails for them through the difficult country.

(Northwestern New Guinea was a German colony before the World War and later came under Australian mandate.)

Port Moresby dispatches said Japanese troops were reported to have operated a secret radio transmitter and to have built secret airfields on the islands, and that they had a small factory for making swastika flags and arm bands.

Australian defenders were expected to make contact soon with the Japanese driving on Port Moresby, which is only 350 miles from the Australian mainland.

The air war regarded as the prelude to the Battle of Australia flared up on a 2,000-mile front from Timor to New Britain, with American Flying Fortresses and other Allied bombers smashing heavily at Japanese invasion bases and fleets and Japanese bombers again raiding the Allied naval base at Port Darwin on the northern Australian mainland.

New Guinea, the world's second largest island, is about the size of Norway and Sweden combined, more than three times the size of England and larger than Texas. Its 303,000 square miles compares with Texas' area of 267,339 square miles. Only the island of Greenland is larger.

Stillwell Named Chief
WASHINGTON, March 19 (UP).—Responsibility for directing the war against Japan assumed Allied Commander in the Southwest Pacific, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, when Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell was placed in command of two Chinese armies on the crucial North Burma battlefield.

The War Department announced that Stilwell was appointed by Gen. Douglas MacArthur as Supreme Allied Commander in the Southwest Pacific. With Maj. Gen. George H. Brett, MacArthur's No. 1 Deputy, in command of the United Nations air forces there, the task of bringing

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Spring Offensive Strikes Home Front

BERLIN, March 19 (German Broadcast Recorded by United Press at London).—German bread, meat and fat rations will be reduced April 6, it was announced today.

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Registration of Men 45 to 64 Set for Apr. 27

Young Men, 18 to 20, Are Last Unregistered Group

WASHINGTON, March 19 (UP).—President Roosevelt today set April 27 as the draft registration day for all men from 45 to 64, inclusive.

All males in the United States Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico who were born on or after April 28, 1877, and on or before Feb. 16, 1897 will be required to register.

Young men in the age group from 18 to 20 have not yet been called to register under the selective service law. They would comprise the last unregistered group.

The first draft registration took place Oct. 16, 1940; the second on July 1, 1941; and the third on Feb. 16, 1942.

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Throw Falangists Out, Mexico Governor Says

Protests Get Action On Franco Mission

Won't Permit Spanish Refugee Children to Be Taken Away

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, March 19.—Orders for the seizure and expulsion of agents of the Spanish fascist Falange have been issued by the Governor of Michoacan, General Felix Irujo, according to the FOARE, Mexican organization for Spanish Republican Aid here. These Falange agents have reportedly arrived in Mexico to secure the return to Spain of Republican children now in the care of the Mexican government.

The secret arrival of the Falangist Commission was sharply protested by Fidel Velazquez, general secretary of the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM), who, a few days ago in a message to President Avila Camacho, denounced the members of the Commission as "Nazi spies" and requested their immediate expulsion from Mexican territory.

This protest was answered by an official declaration of the Ministry of Foreign Relations which stated that the Ministry had "no official notice of the arrival of any commission for such a purpose" and that "no application has been made for the return of these children to Spain and least of all has any decision been taken" by the Mexican government.

PROTEST FRANCO MISSION

Since the landing of Franco agents at Cuba was reported here two weeks ago, numerous labor and progressive organizations sent messages to President Avila Camacho, urging him not to return the children to fascist Spain but to continue taking care of them. When it became known that the Falangists have arrived here secretly, these messages and protests increased and Mexican progressive leaders like Antonio Villalobos, president of the government party (PRM); Deputy Diaz Encobar, president of the National Anti-Falangist Committee; Fidel Velazquez and others asked for personal interviews with the Chief Executive to discuss the problem.

Apparently, the issue has now been solved. The Foreign Office, though denying official knowledge of the presence of Franco agents in Mexico, categorically declares that "no decision has been made" to return the children. The statement explains further that only once, in 1940, application was made by the International Red Cross for the return of 136 children.

"The Government of Mexico showed itself ready in principle to return these children, always of course through the intervention of the Red Cross." But, the Ministry declares, "consideration of the difficulties of the trip and of the present situation in Spain, especially concerning food, has frustrated the good proposals of that respectable organization and the disposition of the Mexican Government to satisfy the wishes of this or that authority or group, but the legitimate and indisputable wishes of the parents of these children. Concerning all unclaimed children, as has already been said, they will continue in the custody of the Mexican State."

Upon invitation by the Cardenas Administration the government of the Spanish Republic sent close to 800 children to Mexico in May, 1937. Mexico promised to take care of them, to bring them up and to educate them "in the understanding of the democratic ideals for which their parents and friends were fighting." A special school, the Industrial School "Espana-Mexico," was set up for this purpose at Morelia, Michoacan. Both administrations, Cardenas' and Camacho's, have always paid special attention to the work of this school. When some of the older children graduated, they were given jobs with the government. None of the boys and girls, reports the FOARE, have any desire to return to Franco Spain now.

And concerning Falangists and their activities in Mexico, they will not be tolerated by the government, the Ministry of the Interior declares in an official statement.

"Whatever activities the organisms of the Spanish Falange may try to develop, they will be stopped and punished by the Mexican authorities because, as has been declared categorically by Lic. Miguel Aleman, Minister of the Interior, they are factions completely opposed to the democratic postulates of our country," the statement, issued by the Office of Information of the Ministry, reads.

Yugoslav Freighter Torpedoed Off Coast

WASHINGTON, March 19 (UPI).—The Yugoslav freighter Trepana and a large Norwegian merchant ship have been torpedoed off the Atlantic coast, the Navy announced today.

MacArthur's Main Purpose: The Offensive

MELBOURNE, March 19 (UPI).—

Gen. Douglas MacArthur is taking over his new command "with the same serene confidence and efficient aggressiveness that characterized his magnificent defense of the Philippines," his old friend, Brig. Gen. Patrick Hurley, reported today.

After a visit with MacArthur at the remote country town where he is taking a brief rest, Hurley, United States Minister to New Zealand, said the arduous Philippine campaign had left the new Allied commander in the Southwest Pacific in splendid condition.

"MacArthur breathes the very spirit of victory," Hurley declared. MacArthur's plans already were being put into operation, Hurley said, and "his paramount purpose is to organize as rapidly as possible an offensive force for the eventual defeat of Japan which will also relieve his beleaguered garrison in the Philippines."

The government moved swiftly to give MacArthur a free hand and strengthen the Australian defenses to the utmost. The War Cabinet, meeting in Canberra, acted to implement strategic plans formulated in anticipation that MacArthur would be given the supreme command.

It decided that all Australian men between 18 and 60 who are not serving in the defense forces contribute without pay up to 48 hours a month in such services as civil defense, fire squads and roof watching.

Bar Tokio Envoy, China Catholics Urge Vatican

CHUNGKING, March 19 (UPI).—

The Catholic newspaper Yi Shih Pao asked Pope Pius today to reject as a "sugar-coated, poisonous intrigue," Japan's move to send a representative to the Vatican.

The paper, speaking for 4,000,000 Catholics in China, charged that the Japanese had buried Catholic priests alive and burned countless churches. The new move is an unrelenting attempt to show attention to Catholics in occupied countries in an effort to make them tools of the Japanese, the paper asserted.

Volunteer Pilots In Burma Get New Chief

AVG HEADQUARTERS, Somewhere in Central Burma, March 14.

(Delayed) (UPI).—Squadron leader Arvid Olson of Los Angeles and Chicago has taken over command of the American Volunteer Group of fliers now operating behind the British lines in Burma, which are based somewhere south of Prome, it was announced today.

Olson will succeed Bob Neale of Seattle, Wash., who has completed evacuation of his ground crew and fliers of his squadron who are being replaced by new forces. They are going to China for a well-earned rest.

Inside Fascist Italy

People Always Feared Being German Colony

(This is the second of a series of five articles by Ercoli, dealing with conditions in Fascist Italy.)

By E. M. Ercoli

(By Wireline to Inter-Continental News)

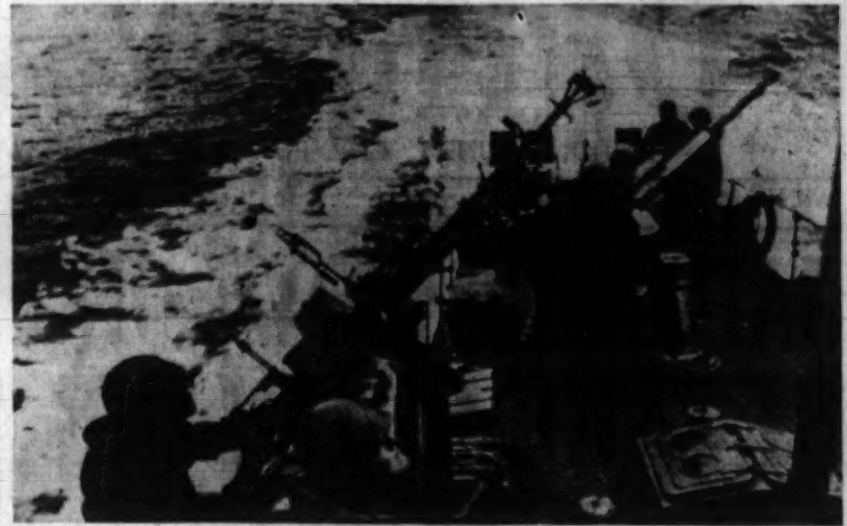
MOSCOW, March 19.—None of Mussolini's most zealous propagandists ever tried to assert that the war against the Soviet Union corresponds to the interests of the Italian people. This, indeed, would be a hopeless effort. Italy and the Soviet Union have no common boundary, nor any points of difference. They were bound by the non-aggression pact which Mussolini tried hard to conclude. But, nevertheless, the Italian press has for many months been filled with bragging communiques repeated day after day, with screaming headlines announcing German victories and the "annihilation" of fantastic numbers of Soviet divisions, and indeed—how many times—of the entire Red Army.

Mussolini had to cover up his defeats in Africa and Albania, keep up the morale of his troops and what is most important, again to deceive the Italian people by trying to make them believe that Hitler's "decisive" victories would bring Italy to a speedy termination of the war and "universal prosperity."

But this fascist concoction only served to expose with greater force the anti-national nature of Italy's participation in the war against the Soviet Union.

BLOW AT OWN INTERESTS

It is clear to every Italian with the slightest knowledge of the history of his country and German imperialism's war aims that by attacking the Soviet Union fascism violated all Italy's national inter-



Soviet Sub-Chaser Meets Air Attack: Its anti-aircraft batteries blazed away at German raiders, a craft of the Soviet Northern Fleet ploughs through the icy waters of the Barents Sea on the hunt for enemy U-boats. These little vessels have taken a heavy toll of the enemy.

Toledano Urges Unity of Americas to Win the War

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bor's "Victory Plan" for that country in his capacity as head of the National Economic Defense Board of the Mexican Confederation of Labor, which, as proposals from the CIO and AFL here, calls for labor participation in the drive, joint management-labor production committees and extension of various industries to supply needs cut off from Mexico because of the war. He said that President Avila Camacho had favored the plan in principle when it was first presented to him.

On the attitude of the Mexican workers in respect to the war upon the Axis, Toledano said:

"All organized labor is absolutely behind it—there is no question as to that."

In respect to appeaser sentiment, he said that "no labor organization in Mexico adheres to such ideas."

"The Mexican unions are united against fascism. The labor movement has been officially following this policy since the advent of Mussolini to power," he said.

He added that in this respect there is general agreement with the attitude of the AFL and CIO on the war emergency.

Mexican labor, too, he said, is following the policy of referring all serious labor disputes to government mediation or arbitration.

"I consider that this is not an opportune moment to press for demands," he added. "We will all have to sacrifice. But we will not agree to abrogation of fundamental rights as some forces in Mexico seek."

CITES AXIS INFLUENCES

He declared that there are still certain employers who do not face the present situation in the same spirit.

Mr. Toledano dwelt at length in reply to questions on fifth columnists in Latin-American countries.

He said that foreign influence emanating from the Axis countries exists in all Latin-American countries. But native groups that serve directly or indirectly, one or another of the Axis countries, operate in varying degrees.

He expressed a hope that the Argentine labor movement, which he said is strongly anti-fascist, as are the people of that country generally, would bring their influence to bear upon the government for an anti-fascist policy.

In Mexico, he said, all major anti-fascist forces are united behind the Camacho government, which has declared its anti-Axis stand from the outset. He stressed, however, that there are forces doing the service of the Axis.

Those forces, Toledano said, are not so much Germans, Italians and Japanese, as the Spanish agents of Franco and native people who serve them. The Spanish Falange is the most important agency in that respect, he said.

"For reasons which will be quite obvious to you," he went on, "the people of Latin American countries do not regard the Spanish as foreign. Thus these elements have played an important part."

SUBTLE ENEMY POISON

Toledano explained that the pro-Falangist propaganda is subtle. Since Pearl Harbor the technique was not to openly side with the Axis, or to openly attack the United States and the United Nations.

"They even express favor for democracy in the abstract," Toledano continued. "One of the most dangerous aspects of this propaganda is the view that this is only a struggle of great powers with which the weaker nations have nothing to do."

"Much stress is put on the common traditions and culture of the Latin American countries with the view of isolating them from the United States, and old grievances

once comes from Hitler Germany and her attempts to foster German imperialism hegemony on Europe."

Do not the notorious authors of Hitler's race theory maintain that the Italians are a Negroid race which never displayed ability to create anything valuable? The genius and heroes which Italy gave the world, from Dante to Garibaldi were, if we are to believe that professional liar Rosenberg, all Germans born in Italy by mistake. And did not Hitler declare that only one great power will exist in Europe, Germany?—and if need be she will use Italy for her own aims but never allow Italy to share with her the "right" to dominate Europe?

The plans of conquest of Frederick Barbarossa were child's play compared to the imperialist delirium of the tyrants who rule present day Germany. And was to Italy if the world had no forces capable of bringing down on Hitler imperialism the retribution it deserves and once and for all breaking its backbone. Otherwise the fate of Milan raised to the ground by Barbarossa's hordes would even seem envious to Italians.

TIES WITH RUSSIA

On the other hand, never in the history of the Italian people was there a time when its interests ran counter to those of the Russian people. At the time of the Vienna Congress, when Metternich declared that Italy is no more than a geographical concept, Russian diplomacy tried to facilitate and accelerate the establishment of the Italian state. In 1859 when, following the peace treaty at Villa Franca, central Italy affiliated to the newly established Italian state, the Russian

against the United States are being raised."

Franco did not have to send his agents into Spain but found adequate representation among Spanish who have long resided in Mexico.

FRANCO AGENTS

The Sinarquistas, a Mexican duplicate of the Spanish Falange, formed under inspiration of Nazi agents, is another source support for the Axis, he said.

"They say Franco is a genius; Hitler is an instrument of God; that Cortes the conqueror was the greatest hero in Mexico's history and that the greatest traitor in our history was Benito Juarez, who wrote the constitution and was a friend of Lincoln," Toledano replied when asked to describe the Sinarquistas propaganda.

He added that followers of Almazan are well represented in Sinarquistas ranks.

Toledano said he is still not in position to speak of concrete steps upon which hemisphere labor unity could be organized, since proposals are still under consideration.

"What is needed are concrete steps to arouse public opinion," he said. "Since the matter of continental defense cannot be entirely on the shoulders of the governments, it must be a people's defense."

Some questions were put to Toledano on prospects of compromise on the oil wells issue and of "rumors" that American interests would resume operation. Toledano declared categorically that the Mexican oil issue was settled on March 16, 1938, when the wells were nationalized. He said the industry was expanding to refining and by-products.

Salvaging Cars on the Burma Road--

LONDON, March 19 (UPI).—

Tough Americans armed with Tommy guns—one-time taxmen and truck drivers—are patrolling the upper Burma Road to China and salvaging supply vehicles damaged and forsaken along the wayside, a News Chronicle correspondent reported today.

The tortuous route, he said, is lined with wrecks—an estimated average of 85 for every 50 miles of the looping mountain road.

But the Americans, following in repair crews after the newly-taught Chinese drivers, were reported to have cut the losses in American loan-lend trucks and supplies to five per cent, or even less.

As for the wrecks:

"What else can you expect?" an American asked. "These drivers were steering bullock carts a few weeks ago."

The job of the Americans, 43 of them, is to salvage the damaged material, or destroy it. Mostly they salvage it.

U.S. Air Base Established in Guatemala

Fighters, Bombers on Patrol to Protect Panama Canal

GUATEMALA CITY, March 19 (UPI).—United States long-range

bombers, fighter planes, pilots and soldiers are stationed in Guatemala, 750 miles north of the Panama Canal, it was revealed today.

The bombers, of the four-motored Flying Fortress type, patrol far out into the Pacific on the west and into the Caribbean Sea on the east. The fighters and the fighter planes are in Guatemala to protect the air field.

The presence of the United States forces was disclosed after Lieut. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, commander of Caribbean defense, visited the field, and President Jorge Ubico, who gave permission for the Americans to come in. They discussed the war effort.

Guatemalan planes with United States-trained pilots also are based at the field, and Andrews said a number of Guatemalan workers were improving the field, enlarging it and constructing new buildings and hangars. He also visited auxiliary fields, with emergency landing facilities.

Lieut. Col. Milton Clark of Los Angeles and Maj. Samuel C. Gurney, Jr., of Ridgewood, N. J., are in charge of the American forces.

allow this alliance to be used by German imperialism for aggression against the Balkan peoples.

In 1905 during the first great revolution of the Russian working class and people against the bloody tsarist regime, the profound sympathy and solidarity of the Italian people for the peoples of Russia found expression in numerous spontaneous demonstrations in the major cities of Italy.

When the last Russian Tsar, Nicholas the Bloody, planned a trip to Italy, the indignation of the Italians was so great that he did not dare to go any further than Long Castle, only a few kilometers from the border. His appearance in any Italian town would have evoked spontaneous demonstrations of the people against the tsarist tyranny.

Even the traitor Mussolini was compelled in 1914 to pose as a defender of the freedom of the people into following the imperialist bourgeoisie.

But the same Mussolini has now stooped to Slavish cringing before the Hitler bandits who are out to Germanize Europe and exterminate the Slavs and who like beasts have attacked the great Soviet people.

The consequences of this sinister treachery of Mussolini were soon evident. The Italian people are already beginning to feel on their own back the yoke of vassal dependence on Hitler and his criminal bragging, with all his ravings about the great empire that would eclipse ancient Rome has to be content with the role of a Hitler lackey.

(Third installment tomorrow)

On the War Fronts

(AS OF MARCH 18th)

By A VETERAN COMMANDER

The aerial-naval battle of eastern New Guinea is a signal success for the United Nations. Although the Navy cautiously qualifies its assertions relative to the sinking of Japanese warships with the words "believed sunk" and "probably sunk," there seems little doubt that a score of enemy vessels have been put hors de combat. Among such vessels are two heavy cruisers and two light ones.

It still is my impression that the Japanese had massed this armada for a stab not at Australia proper, but at the islands sitting athwart the sea lanes from the U.S. to Australia, for it would seem of greater immediate feasibility for them to intercept and cut those lines than to attempt the conquest of the huge island continent.

The same reasoning might apply to the situation in the Indian Ocean. It would appear logical for the Japanese to try and cut the sea lanes to the Orient, to India and to the Persian Gulf than to go all out against India itself. This they could do by capturing Ceylon, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and taking over Madagascar from our Vich "friends." A logical counterpart of an attempt to capture the Solomons, Samoa, Fijid, the New Hebrides, New Caledonia and even, maybe, New Zealand. The recent battle of New Guinea reminds us of the first battle of Macassar Strait. Let us hope that the success will this time be better exploited than last time. The hope is good, for MacArthur is there.

The Japanese are again advancing in Burma (on Toungoo). It would seem probable that the British defense line would run from the upper Salween (where this river bends north-eastward) to Toungoo, Prome and the Gulf of Bengal. No major engagement can be expected until that line is reached.

There is nothing new in Libya.

On the Eastern Front, in spite of the cautious and reticent character of the Soviet communiques, it does look like the formation of a new and huge pocket in the Gshatak-Vyasma area. This pocket is immediately adjacent to the Rshav pocket and a total of some 300,000 German troops seem to be isolated here. With the Staraya Russa pocket, half a million enemy troops are in jeopardy. Now, it is clear that half a million men don't simply give up. They have built around themselves a terrific protective shell of fortifications. They have huge stores. They are the best troops Hitler has. Hence—a long drawn-out operation is necessary for their reduction. It will take some time yet to knock them out.

NOTE TO OUR READERS: Many of you have been writing in asking for comment of a prophetic nature. Such questions cannot be answered by this department, and for the following reason: suppose we did give a good cut to future operations; then, the enemy could use it; on the other hand—if we give a bad cut—it is of no earthly use to you. So we shall continue to refrain from predicting the future trend of operations.

'New Republic' Urges Release of Browder

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public there was an appeal for Browder signed, among others, by such clearly non-Communist Americans as Alexander Meiklejohn, Henry Pratt Fairchild, Albert Guerard and Arthur Upham Pope.

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On the fraud involved in obtaining the passport the statute of limitations had already run. While we accept the final judgment of the Supreme Court, it is worth noting that the case was not an open-and-shut one. Even more serious was the severity of the four-year sentence for an offense which had generally not been prosecuted in other instances or, when prosecuted, had been dealt with mildly. The case of a song writer immediately following Browder's and substantially similar to his, was disposed of with a \$500 fine.

We conclude therefore that Browder's penalty was for his political offense in being the leader of the Communist Party at a time when the party line was at variance with American foreign policy. Such a political sentence is strongly antithetical to the American principle of the competition of ideas. Today, when America is at war, all considerations of national policy point in the direction of releasing Browder. The Communist Party is staunchly supporting an all-out war effort. Hundreds of thousands of trade unionists who regard the Browder case as a test of the genuineness of their support of our democratic principles would be heartened by his release. Russia, moreover, is today the strongest ally we have in our war against the fascist powers. Surely the release of Browder would be an elementary act by which we could reassure the Russian people that we are fighting on their side and are not at war with them. And such reassurance is needed from a government that is allowing the Coughlins and the Christian Front to carry on the strongest fascist propaganda while it keeps Browder in prison for a technical offense.

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Legislature to Act on Rent Control Measure

Interest Centers on Dispute Over Reapportionment Proposals; GOP Leaders Meet on Redistricting Plans

ALBANY, March 19 (UP).—Legislative leaders gave their official sanction today to a bill authorizing local rent control boards in defense areas where emergencies are deemed to exist.

The bill approved by Republicans, who control both Houses, has been introduced by Assemblyman Abbot Low Moffat, New York, and Senator Roy M. Page, Binghamton, both Republicans.

Municipalities are empowered by the bill to establish local fair rent boards after the Federal Price Administrator has declared an emergency. The boards would have authority to set up "fair" rent schedules based on normal conditions.

The schedules would become operative 60 days after the declaration of an emergency. An emergency would be deemed to exist when vacancies are less than five per cent of the total number of dwelling units in the locality.

The Moffat-Page bill's provisions are limited to areas declared by the Federal Price Administrator as defense centers where housing conditions have been affected directly by expansion of war industries and military projects.

Action of local rent control boards would be subject to review by the State Supreme Court upon petition of any interested party.

A bill also was introduced to extend the term of the State and local Defense Councils from April 1 to May 1 so as to insure their continued operation in the event of the Legislature's failure to adopt a new defense program this month.

Unless this extension is enacted, the State Defense Council as well as local defense councils will expire the end of this month.

Although legislative leaders originally hoped for adjournment before March 31, a delay is threatened by a controversy over legislative and congressional reapportionment.

MEET ON REAPPORTIONMENT Republican leaders met in New York City in an effort to decide on legislation for redistricting. A number of leaders, it was learned, have urged scrapping of plans for reapportionment this year.

If the leaders decide to scrap reapportionment, it is possible for the Legislature to adjourn this month. Otherwise it will be necessary for it to stay in session indefinitely after a recess for the religious holidays next month.

A bill to provide \$250,000 in subsidies for upstate dairy farmers facing a hay shortage was favorably reported today by the Senate Finance Committee. The bill, sponsored by Senator Isaac B. Mitchell, Lafargeville Republican, originally provided for a grant of \$1,000,000. This amount was reduced so as to insure passage.

Maryland CIO Urges Speed in Production Drive

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BALTIMORE, March 19.—Increased production and a military offensive by the United Nations to carry the war to the European continent were called for by Maryland CIO labor representatives in a statement by President George A. Meyers of the State CIO Council. The statement was read in the office of Congressman Thomas D'Alesandro, who with Congressman Meyer and Ward received the CIO delegation.

The meeting, called at the request of the State Council, was for the purpose of discussing how best to gear Maryland war production to all-out capacity. Among the recommendations were: Federal unemployment compensation to aid workers temporarily displaced by conversion of factories to wartime production; support for the Roosevelt administration's tax bill, and opposition to a sales tax; abolition of the poll tax; opposition to the Dies Committee.

N.J. Township Goes All-Out for Defense

TRENTON, N. J., March 19 (UP).—Records of the New Jersey Defense Council revealed today that in East Hanover Township, Morris County, "rescue and demolition work has been placed in the hands of Charles Hicks who will secure cooperation, if necessary, from Restland and Gate of Heaven Cemeteries for equipment and men."

Rallies for Browder

A series of Free Browder meetings throughout the city, at which prominent speakers are scheduled, are sponsored by the New York Community Divisions of the Committee to Free Earl Browder.

The list of citywide rallies and dates follow:

FREE BROWDER RALLIES
Final Session—National Free Browder Congress—Sunday, March 29 at 2 P.M.
Manhattan Center—34th St. and 8th Ave.

Cosmopolitan Opera House—135 W. 55th St.
Royal Wiltshire—68 W. 66th St.
Admission 25c.

'Beat Hitler' Is Spirit of Boston St. Patrick Day

Rep. McCormack, Gov. Saltonstall Denounce Appeaser Splitters

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, March 19.—The real anti-fascist spirit of the South Boston Irish broke out on Saint Patrick's Day from the cloud of subtle poison-gas spread by the fascist Rev. Edward Lodge Curran from a Boston platform.

From the more than 100,000 shamrock-wearing, green

ribboned people jamming the city sidewalks to watch the soldiers, sailors and marines march in the traditional Saint Patrick's day parade came strong shouts of "Beat Hitler, Beat Hitler!" as the marines stepped jauntily by. And to greet the soldiers in full war pack came a roar "Beat Hitler!"

Faunty politicians who dared ride the length of the parade in sleek open cars were greeted with sarcastic calls of "Get out and walk! Save tires and gasoline!" together with some more directly personal comments.

Congressman John W. McCormack, South Boston's favorite son, without directly alluding to the fascist doctrine, proclaimed by Curran, hammered away at fifth-column and appeasement ideas in an address before 1,000 guests at the anniversary banquet of the Charitable Irish Society. It would be national suicide, declared McCormack, to follow the advice of the few Americans who tell us to wait until all other nations fighting the enemy have been defeated, that we keep at home all our materials of war and our fighting forces.

"Victory before safety must be our motto," cried McCormack. "We must not, we cannot afford to do anything that will alienate from our side any nation that is an ally of ours in this war. We must think practically and realistically." He called for all out aid to and cooperation with the Soviet Union, Great Britain, and China.

Speaking in a similar vein, Governor Saltonstall called upon the Irish people, in keeping with their history to mobilize in America's all-out fight against its enemies, "to reassert that crusading force which is peculiarly theirs."

Delegates to Central Trades are Irving Kotler and William Teitelbaum. Miscellaneous Division: business agent, Hy Boriskin; executive board, Murray Scheier, Leo Unker and Meyer Zakheim.

CIO Insurance Agents to Buy Ambulance Unit

A fully-equipped ambulance unit for use by the Red Cross at the fighting front was voted by the Executive Board of the Industrial Insurance Agents Union at a special Executive Board meeting at Union headquarters yesterday. The fund will be raised through a special campaign among the union membership.

Cirolamo Lamendola, an Italian-born insurance agent, took the honor as the first contributor to the campaign fund with a personal check for \$7.50.

The local office of the Red Cross is arranging with the Union to receive the Union's contribution at a Special Membership Meeting which takes place March 29.

Navy Reports Vessel Hit Off East Coast

WASHINGTON, March 19 (UP).—The Navy Department tonight announced that a medium-sized merchant vessel has been torpedoed off the Atlantic coast.

The gasoline rationing presumably will be applied in the 17 eastern states and in Oregon and Washington, which are affected by today's delivery curtailments.

Defer Bond Pay For Overtime

WASHINGTON, March 19 (UP).—Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., today deferred until July 1 the Treasury's decision on whether to seek payment of overtime in defense bonds on all government contracts.

He told a press conference that he still intended to try the Treasury's plan for voluntary purchase of defense bonds until July 1. He said that mandatory payment of overtime in defense bonds would "pretty well kill the voluntary plan."

The overtime payment plan was advanced by Senator Prentiss M. Brown, D. Mich.

The Treasury also has deferred until July 1 the plan to change the name of defense bonds to war bonds.



AEF on the March in Ireland: Soldiers of the American Expeditionary Force in Northern Ireland are shown marching over the cobble of an unnamed village on the way to a review by Maj. Gen. Russell T. Hartle, commander of all U.S. forces in Great Britain.

Must Smash Axis If Fight for Equality Is to Be Won, Negro Leader Declares

By Jack Young

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—The fight against Jim-Crowism "is not a condition for Negroes' support of the war, but it is essential for winning the war," Pettis Perry, chairman of the Los Angeles County Communist Party, said here today.

Himself a well-known Negro leader, in an open letter to his people on their state in the war, Perry stated:

"We need planes, tanks, ships, guns and many other things to win. It is, therefore, a patriotic duty for us to demand that Negro women and men be trained in mass for the assembly lines along with other Americans."

"The extension of full democracy to the Negro people is essential to win the war. Anything else leads to disaster."

Exploding Japan's claim that it is "protecting the dark races," Perry asserted that "in practice Tokyo, who for years has been daily bombing the Chinese people, is today bombing the Filipinos and enslaving other dark peoples of Asia."

"This is not a race war as some people try to contend," said Perry. "This is a war against the slavery of fascism. Fascism means increased lynching for all people."

"For the Negro people especially this means virtual extermination. Fascism means the destruction of all fraternal organizations, trade unions, churches and everything else that humanity cherishes."

"Under fascism it would be impossible for Negroes to even run for office—much less be elected to school boards, the Assembly, Congress or other official positions."

"For the Negroes under fascism, lynchings would be the law of the land elevated to the national policy. Yes, even Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, etc., would be for the Negro people what Berlin is for the Jews. Such is the policy of the German Italian and Japanese fascists."

President Roosevelt has spoken out against Jim-Crowism and called for complete utilization of all available manpower regardless of race, color or creed, Perry pointed out.

"But the fifth column forces like the Lindberghs, Martin Dies, Hearst, KKK and other Axis agents want discrimination as a means of dividing and weakening our nation's war effort," he stated.

Because lynchings and KKK terrorism "are weapons used by the pro-Axis forces to divide the nation," Perry said that "it is therefore our duty to unite with all anti-fascist forces, both Negro and white, against such outrages."

Following a day of balloting at 10 polling places in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Bronx, the election committee of dressmakers Local 22, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, last night began a count that was expected to continue through the night and today.

Voting was unusually heavy among the union's 25,000 members with the Rank and File Committee ticket covering a partial slate for business agents and members of the executive board.

In previous hotly contested elections the turnout on election day reached to over 16,000. There are over 100 names on the ballot.

U.S. Troops Arrive in Venezuela Bases

CARACAS, Venezuela, March 19 (UP).—The weekly magazine La Prensa said today that United States troops have arrived at the Venezuelan coastal city of Barcelona, capital of the State of Anzoategui. The dispatch said the troops were assigned to points previously prepared for them.

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Lehman Gives Guard Orders

Governor Says Air Raid or Blackout Signals Will Mobilize Troops

ALBANY, March 19 (UP).—Air raid or blackout signals will mobilize state guard units at their respective armories, Governor Lehman said today in a general order to the troops.

The command, issued through Brig. Gen. Ames T. Brown read as follows:

On the sounding of air raid or blackout signals all personnel of the New York Guard, in the area affected, will mobilize at their respective armories.

The commanding general, New York Guard, will cause unit commanders to prepare suitable plans for day and night mobilization.

"Brassards will be issued bearing the letters 'N.Y.G.' as soon as they can be secured and will be carried at all times. When affixed on the left arm above the elbow they will assure the free movement of members of the New York Guard in their respective armories. In the meantime identification cards will be used."

"Mobilization under this order will be counted as a drill without pay or allowances unless active duty is subsequently ordered."

"Unit strength report will be made by wire to the adjutant general when mobilization is complete or unit dismissed."

Flew with MacArthur WASHINGTON, March 19 (UP).—The Navy announced today that Rear Admiral Francis W. Rockwell who is in command of naval and marine corps forces still fighting in the Philippines, arrived in Australia with Gen. Douglas MacArthur and will be assigned to "an appropriate command."

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Upstate GE Union Votes Unanimously: FREE BROWDER

Upstate CIO Elects Delegates To Browder Congress Here

(Special to the Daily Worker)
SCHENECTADY, March 19. — The Capital District Industrial Union Council selected two delegates Wednesday evening to attend the National Congress to Free Browder, to be held in New York City March 28 and 29. The decision to send delegates to the Congress was unanimous.
Close to 10,000 workers in the eight industrial cities that comprise New York State's capital area are represented in the Council, including the 21,000 members of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers who work in the General Electric plant here.
The Council also decided, at its meeting Wednesday evening, to call a Labor Victory conference of all labor, industrial and civic groups in the various communities, to take place here. Purpose of the conference is to cement closer ties between labor and all other sections of the population in the solution of the manifold war problems.

Japanese Move On Port Moresby

Allied Planes Bomb Enemy Cruiser; Stilwell Heads Chinese in Burma

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ing about the downfall of Japan thus falls primarily on American military leaders.

The Allied forces in Burma face a two-fold task. They must prevent the Japanese from cutting China's new lifelines to India and must thwart an enemy invasion of India which, if successful, might be the prelude to a junction of German-Japanese forces.

The communiqué said that Stilwell, as commander of the 5th and 6th Chinese Armies—150,000 to 200,000 men—will operate "in conjunction with the British forces in Burma." This means he will co-operate with British Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell whose forces are battling the Japanese in Southern Burma. He will not be subordinate to Wavell whose present India-Burma command is largely a British rather than a United Nations one.

Military observers, emphasizing Stilwell's value as a liaison force between the Chinese and British, pointed out that he speaks, reads and writes several dialects of Chinese, is thoroughly familiar with Chinese customs and commands great respect among Chiang's forces.

Burma Defenders

Smash 25 Planes

LONDON, March 19 (UP).—American and British fliers in Burma have blasted Japanese troop columns, destroyed 25 grounded Japanese planes and shot down another in the past two days of an aerial offensive, which has been accompanied by sharp patrol clashes on the ground. Far Eastern dispatches reported tonight.

A communiqué issued at Chungking revealed that the famed American Volunteer Group pilots, whose fighter planes knocked down more than 200 Japanese raiders near Rangoon and over the Burma Road, were now using bombers and that they have "bombed Japanese troops and mechanized forces and shot down a Japanese plane."

There were ground clashes, meantime, between British and Japanese troops in the Shwegyin area, 95 miles above Rangoon, where the Japanese attacked the left flank of the British advanced units and were beaten back, and also between Chinese patrol and a party of the troops, offered by Japanese, near the Thailand border some 50 miles east of Tougoo, on the Rangoon-Mandalay Road.

Japanese Take

Chinese Port

CHUNGKING, March 19 (UP).—Japanese troops have seized Siangshan, Chekiang Province coastal port about 120 miles southeast of Shanghai, a Chinese military spokesman admitted today, but he said, they face an impossible task if they hope to grab all the immemorially other coastal bases for Allied air and sea raids in their homeland and Formosa.

The enemy attached importance to Siangshan, with its sheltered harbor, he said, because it realized that the Allies might launch from there attacks on Nagasaki, big Japanese port only 550 miles to the northeast across the China Sea, and the nearby Sasebo naval base, both within easy bombing range.

The town and harbor fell before a two-pronged drive which a "large number" of Japanese troops began on March 10, the spokesman said. They were in control of the entire

south coast of the peninsula on which Siangshan is located.

He did not consider the loss serious for China or the Allies.

British Planes Hit

2 Axis Vessels

CAIRO, March 19 (UP).—British torpedo planes, striking at Axis supply lines to Libya across the Mediterranean, set fire to a merchant-ship and scored a torpedo hit on another "larger vessel," it was announced today.

Meanwhile, Royal Air Force fliers piloting American-built B-24 bombers (Douglas) and swift Kittyhawk (Curtis-Hawk) fighter planes, raided an Axis airbase at Martuba, 15 miles southeast of Derna, yesterday for the third time this week, an RAF communiqué disclosed.

The communiqué said that the British Mediterranean island of Malta was raided again yesterday and that it was now known that a Junkers 88 dive-bomber was shot down there by anti-aircraft guns on Tuesday. One British plane was reported missing from all operations.

There was nothing of importance to report on the Libyan ground front, it was announced.

Army Bombers

Blast Timor Base

WASHINGTON, March 19 (UP).—The War Department announced today that American Army heavy bombers raided the Japanese-held airport at Koepang, on the western end of Timor Island, hitting runways and damaging installations.

The report of the raid was contained in a brief communiqué which said the attack was made Tuesday.

Text of War Department communiqué No. 152 as of 4 P.M. EWT, today:

"1.—Australia: On March 17, American Army heavy bombers raided the Japanese-held airport at Koepang, on the island of Timor, scoring several hits on the runways and damaging installations.

"2.—There is nothing to report from other areas."

U.S. Sub Crew

Decorated for Heroism in Action

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii, March 19 (UP).—Army and Naval officials, revealing that an American submarine had performed "an unusually hazardous mission in enemy-controlled waters," awarded Silver Stars to 69 officers and crewmen and the Distinguished Service Cross to 39-year-old Lieut. Commr. Frank W. Fenno, the skipper.

The decorations were presented in ceremonies aboard the submarine with Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander of the Pacific Fleet, declaring the exploit "evidence of the fine cooperation which exists between armed services in this area."

The nature of the mission was not disclosed, but Fenno's decoration was awarded by direction of President Roosevelt "for extraordinary heroism."

Australia to Exempt

AEF From Income Tax

CANBERRA, Australia, March 19 (UP).—Legislation will be enacted soon to exempt American soldiers from income taxes in Australia, it was understood today.



Look, Mr. Hitler!

This is only a sample of the way American workers are turning out planes. Thousands are being turned out every month, and Nelson has given out the good news that production has jumped 50 per cent since Pearl Harbor.

Meet Di Cicco: 'Tough' Guy in Hunt of a Pot

Pat Di Cicco, brawny six-foot-two husband of a lot of millions in the person of Gloria Vanderbilt, appeared in court yesterday because he didn't have a pot to cook in.

The case, involving a charge of assault on a hotel clerk, was adjourned by Magistrate William Klapp on the plea of Di Cicco's attorney that they needed time to "orient witnesses and marshal the facts."

Considerably battered and displaying lumps, Peter Joyce, clerk in the swank Park Ave. Hotel Drake where the Di Ciccos are living, charged Di Cicco knocked him over a desk (incidentally breaking a typewriter) because a rule of the hotel forbade lending kitchen pots to guests, even Vanderbilts.

Joyce displayed an angry swelling on his forehead and said his doctor told him his back muscles are strained and that his body is "full of contusions and abrasions." Di Cicco was unmarked. He is much bigger than Joyce.

Amid charges and counter-charges, it appeared that Di Cicco and his wife visited Dan Toppling and his wife, Sonia Henle, on St. Patrick's Day and wanted to celebrate with a dish of chicken cacciatore and asked the loan of a kitchen pot. They were refused by Joyce.

Hot words burned the telephone line.

"The next I knew," Joyce says, "he (Di Cicco) was stomping into the hotel and cornered me in the little cage, where I didn't have room to swing my fist."

The lumps and the assault charge followed.

It must be fun to be rich.

Open Negro Project, Auto Union Insists

Executive Board Flays KKK, Calls on City to Smash Fascists

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a time above all others, the paramount need is unity among all segments of our people.

"During this critical period the Ku Klux Klan and other Nazi-dominated elements in the City of Detroit are openly defying the laws of the land and fomenting and fostering violence and mob action to prevent Negroes from occupying their legal homes in the Sojourner Truth Project.

"Weakness and vacillation in the face of this situation is disastrous to our country, when public officials permit themselves to be cowed by Klan and Nazi-inspired mobs into the denial of the protection of our laws to the Negro citizens of our nation."

The auto union board called upon the municipal administration of the City of Detroit for a demonstration of that degree of firmness which is necessary to re-establish the badly-shattered confidence in the democratic system of government which we are now fighting and dying to defend."

Wainwright Promoted by Pres. Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, March 19 (UP).—President Roosevelt today nominated Maj. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, who succeeded Gen. Douglas MacArthur as commander of the American forces in the Philippines, for promotion to the rank of lieutenant general.

Wainwright took over MacArthur's task as the on-the-scene battle commander against the Japanese on Bataan Peninsula when MacArthur was shifted

Soviets Retake Vital Rail Line

Drive Wide Breach At Leningrad; Guerrillas Hold Huge Area

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units fighting in various sectors of the Leningrad Front had wiped out more than 2,000 Germans in the last two days. On the Southwest Front, it added, the Red Army, after hard fighting, occupied three populated localities.

Soviet reports reported that the Soviet districts continue their operations in the rear, and the guerrillas who use them as bases deal ever stronger blows to their enemies," the Agency said.

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The Tass news agency reported that a large band of Soviet guerrillas had established an "island of

resistance" comprising nearly 5,000 square miles far behind the German lines below Leningrad.

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Call C. I. O. Session Against Smith Bill

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this morning was Rep. Howard Smith, who delivered one of his usual anti-labor tirades, stating that the country "wants to know whether this war effort will be run by Congress or by the labor movement."

Under questioning by Rep. Michael Bradley of Pennsylvania, Rep. Smith admitted that he had been opposed to the Wagner Act and the Wage and Hour Act long before there was a war situation.

He also revealed that his real motive in sponsoring his latest anti-labor bill is to cut wages by eliminating overtime and a half payments for overtime over 40 hours.

The Wage and Hour Act and other labor laws do not prevent workers from working more than 40 hours a week, but simply provide that time and a half must be paid for all hours in excess of 40.

During his two hours on the witness stand, Smith neglected to mention the 6 per cent profit limitation in his bill on war and navy department contracts.

This provision of the bill is full of loopholes, and is considered a sugar-coating for the anti-labor provisions for the measure. There is some doubt as to whether this part of the bill will ever reach the House floor at all.

URGES EXCESS TAX

Patterson pointed out that this provision might hit hardest at some small companies while large companies with many contracts and a rapid turnover might make as much as 120 per cent in profit.

He said he believed a stiff excess profits law was the best way of handling this situation.

He blasted the "apparently widespread belief" that the Wage and Hour Law and similar measures limit the hours of work in war production.

"These laws relate to wages rather than to hours of work," Patterson said, pointing out that longer hours could be worked if time and a half paid for overtime.

He said that a "violent change" in the present set up of paying time and a half such as proposed in the Smith bill "might result in deteriorating labor relations."

Patterson said that he was opposed to double time for Sunday work, but that he felt this should be done through voluntary agreement with the labor organizations rather than through abrogation of all union contracts as is proposed in the Smith bill.

Hearings conducted by the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee revealed that these views in regard to anti-labor legislation were

generally shared by the War and Navy Departments and by the Maritime Commission.

Nelson told the Subcommittee today that 8,000,000 workers are now employed in war industry.

Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins testified that during February there were no strikes in plants employing 99.97 of these war workers.

She said that this compared "in an extremely favorable light" with the situation in 1918 when there were 4,000 strikes with far fewer workers employed in war industry.

Rep. Sam Rayburn, speaker of the House, said in a brief speech this afternoon, that his statement yesterday suggesting "unity meetings" rather than "indignation meetings" to protest against the government or labor had been widely misinterpreted.

Rayburn said that he meant to call attention to the "forces of disunity" which are now operating, but did not have reference to the Smith bill or to any other specific legislation.

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Allies Will Halt Vichy Supplies To Axis Powers

British Say Blockade of Germany As Effective As in Last War

LONDON, March 19 (UP).—The British blockade of Germany is as effective now as it was in a similar period during the First World War and is "making itself felt in almost every department of Axis activity," Viscount Wolmer, new Minister of Economic Warfare, said today.

Despite Germany's great economic gains since the last war, "the oil, rubber and textiles situation there is infinitely more difficult than in Britain," and the blockade is operating at the same pace it was in February, 1917, he said in his first press conference since taking over the post in the recent government shakeup.

Warning against Germany and Japan joining hands economically, Wolmer said that the policy of Britain and the United States toward the Vichy French empire, including the island of Madagascar, provides for halting any ships carrying cargoes which might be helpful to the enemy.

"The situation in Madagascar is the same as in all French colonies," he said in reference to the island off the African southeast coast which Japan has been eying as a base for operations in the Indian Ocean.

"No supplies which endanger the Allied cause will be allowed to go to Madagascar."

Woman Tries Suicide, Saved By Policeman

A policeman pushed a woman from a second floor window ledge in Brooklyn today after talking to her to keep her from jumping off.

The woman, Mrs. Bina Egbert, 50, fell into a lifeline stretched below by a police emergency crew.

Police said Mrs. Egbert, carrying a small hand mirror, climbed onto the 12-inch ledge and threatened to jump.

"I told my doctor I would do it," she screamed.

While Patrolman Richard Pelmay talked to her from the sidewalk, Patrolman Edward Murphy and another officer who arrived about the same time as the emergency crew, broke into the apartment and rushed to the window.

Mr. Egbert, still talking and screaming, was just beyond Murphy's reach. Signaling to the crew below, he reached out, grabbed her dress, pulled her toward him and then pushed her into the net.

Ask Cripps to Visit Burma on India Trip

MANDALAY, Burma, March 19 (UP).—The Burmese government is pressing London to have Sir Stafford Cripps, who is on his way to India with self-Government proposals, visit here to discuss independence for Burma before he returns to England, authoritative circles disclosed today.

In making the request, Governor Sir Reginald Hugh Dorman-Smith was said to have emphasized that the war had not ended interest in constitutional advancement of Burma, though the Burmese government was not pressing the matter.

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MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 19 (UP).—A survey by emergency headquarters of the American Red Cross today showed that 522 persons suffered major injuries and 588 homes were destroyed by the tornadoes that ravaged Northern Mississippi and Western Tennessee late Monday.

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Amter Talk Will Feature Analysis Of Kernan Book

"Defense Will Not Win the War," the title of Lieutenant-Colonel Kernan's best seller and the slogan of all wide-awake Americans, will be under discussion by Israel Amter, New York State Chairman of the Communist Party this Sunday evening at the Workers School at 7:30 P. M.

Amter will devote a portion of his remarks to Kernan's book, in his talk on "The Balance Sheet of the War." Problems of war production, activities of the anti-labor and appeasement bloc in Congress and the Cliveden Set will be analyzed by Amter.

Admission to the forum is 25 cents.

Jewish Group Donates Aid to Russian Relief

\$1,000 Worth of Medical Supplies, Clothing Is Given in Brooklyn

More than \$1,000 worth of medical supplies and woolen garments were donated by the Williamsburgh Chapter of the American Jewish Congress to the Russian War Relief, Inc., yesterday afternoon at a ceremony at the headquarters of the Chapter, 78 Manhattan Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Miss Sarah Shinkin, president of the Chapter, who presented the medicines and clothing to Miss Vita Friend, Brooklyn Secretary of the Russian War Relief, Inc., announced that all merchandise was donated by the Manhattan Ave. Merchants' Association.

"This is only the beginning of what we plan to do," Miss Shinkin said. "Much, much more must be done, and that quickly, to rush aid to our gallant allies who are sacrificing so much."

Mr. Joseph Reich, secretary of the Honorable John Cashmore, Borough President of Brooklyn, greeted the gathering for the Borough President. He said:

"May I congratulate you splendid women for the wonderful and important service you are rendering. And at the same time, may I take this opportunity to congratulate the heroic Russian soldiers and sailors for the fight they are putting up which helps us. That is why we must do more than we have up to now to help them."

In addition to the medical supplies, the merchandise included men's, women's and children's overcoats, shoes, lumberjackets, undergarments and stockings.

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MINISTERS APPEAL

Washington, D. C.—During the past week 54 ministers in the nation's capital sent letters to the President urging Browder's release. This action following appearance of an ad by the Free Browder Committee in the Washington Post.

A mass meeting will be held at the National Press Auditorium tonight, Warren K. Billings, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, and George Murphy, administrative secretary of the National Negro Congress, will speak.

Chicago.—Lodge 202 of the Croatian Fraternal Union has elected an outstanding Croatian as its delegate to the Free Browder Congress.

Philadelphia.—UERMWA local 158-CIO at its membership meeting passed a resolution calling for Browder's release on behalf of its 2,400 members.

Baltimore Mayor

Lauds Shipyard Union Bond Drive

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BALTIMORE, March 19.—The CIO Shipyard Workers Union drive to buy a \$1,500,000 Liberty Ship by purchasing United States Defense Bonds, received the hearty approval of Mayor Howard W. Jackson this week.

"It sounds all right to me," said the Mayor. "I think that shipyard workers ought to buy Liberty Bonds to the fullest extent, the same as every other person, and if they manufacture a Liberty Ship as an incentive, that's splendid."

Lannon paid tribute to a few sections particularly for having reached or surpassed their "half-way" mark on their quotas. Among these were the 10th Assembly District in Manhattan, the 7th Assembly District in the Bronx, the 1st and 2nd Assembly Districts in Queens and the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn.

Drive Leaps Ahead as Congress Date Nears

54 Ministers Appeal in Week; Billings to Talk in Boston

With increasing momentum as the opening of the two-day Free Browder Congress approaches—March 28—scores of additional individuals and unions have thrown their support behind the campaign for the release of America's leading anti-fascist.

From the largest union in upstate New York, the United Electric Plant in Schenectady, to the crew of the S.S. Freeman unionists are joining the movement.

Lawyers, doctors, clergymen and other professional people from Washington to Boston added their names to those urging the President to free Browder.

A summary of last minute news shows the wide scope of individuals and organizations that have joined the chorus of the people in this effort.

LATEST ACTIONS

Schenectady, N. Y.—Six prominent citizens have urged all unions by letter to join the Free Browder campaign.

The Executive Board of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union in the huge General Electric plant here voted unanimously that the local urge the release of Browder. The union has a membership of 21,000.

New York City.—Two thousand slipper workers, members of the United Shoe Workers of America—CIO, Local 54, called on President Roosevelt by resolution "to release Earl Browder from prison now."

Boston.—A group of attorneys and a group of doctors, 32 individuals in all, have sent group letters to the President.

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Stop the Rapp-Coudert Committee

Certain enemies of America's war effort are grooming the Rapp-Coudert Committee of the New York State Legislature for disruptive work in the coming year.

This committee, sponsored last year by reactionaries who hoped to use it to slash state educational facilities behind a "red scare," is now being recreated for another year by the Hearst appeaser forces.

They let it appear as if the committee would end by this June. Now they are rushing in to sneak a large appropriation for it. They plan to use it for a new drive of disruption, Red-baiting and general political assault against the unity of the population behind the war effort.

There is no doubt that the anti-victory, pro-appeaser forces mean to start a deliberate campaign of civic confusion in the state. This is a typical fifth column tactic; it is aimed at taking the mind of the people off the war, and turning it upon a manufactured hysteria created with the help of the appeaser press.

Hence, the Rapp-Coudert Committee must be ended!

We urge that you wire your State assemblymen and Senators to refuse any further appropriation to a committee whose sole function is to attack our united war effort.

Air-Raid Protection for ALL

"Welcome" is the word with which New Yorkers will greet the discussion by the City Council of adequate air raid shelters. The building of these shelters would be a proper development of the work accomplished to date in the organization of civilian defense.

As things stand at the present time, tens of thousands of tenement dwellers and people living in small houses are without all-out air protection. The structures in which they live are in themselves too flimsy to hold up under bombing attacks. And their inhabitants, as was the case with the people of London's East End, have no large, fireproof places in which to seek refuge, under present arrangements.

The large apartment buildings, in which the wealthier members of the community live, are in much more favorable position. They are much more bomb-proof, both because of the sturdiness with which they are built and the character of the materials which have been employed in their construction. In addition, regular drills and other precautions are also carried out in these places. Such is not the case, by and large, in the working class sections of the city.

Last week the United Neighborhood Houses, under the presidency of Councilman Stanley Isaacs, brought some of these conditions to the attention of Mayor LaGuardia. A number of intelligent suggestions were made by this social agency. All of them can be put into effect without delay, and one stands out as of particular importance. This is the recommendation that an immediate survey be made, to provide large and strongly-built structures in each vicinity for use as emergency air raid shelters.

Such proposals can be pushed forward, it seems to us, while the erection of air raid shelters is being carried on. There is one thing certain, and that is that additional speed is urgent in providing for a complete, tight-fitted arrangement which will protect the city's seven millions of people. That is a MUST, to provide against unnecessary loss of life and to prevent that confusion which would be harmful to the community and the nation.

The Attempt to Escape Profits Taxation

Corporations and their lobbyists are making a drive to defeat Secretary Morgenthau's plan to increase taxes on corporations and upper incomes. The trick of these groups is to propose a federal sales tax as a substitute for the proposed corporation taxes.

We regret to see that the New York Times has joined this hue and cry for a federal sales tax. The Times admits that two-thirds of the American people below the \$2,000 a year level are now paying heavy "invisible" taxes up to as high as 17 per cent of their incomes.

But the Times argues that the war can only be won by further reductions in the living standards of the people; and the sales tax would automatically ensure such a drastic decline. This argument not only overlooks the results of a decline in living standards on the efficiency of the war effort; it also

does not tell the full story of the tax situation.

The fact is that the present drive for a sales tax is an effort to reduce the tax burdens on the large corporations and the upper income groups. It is not a drive for financing the war effort in the most efficient manner; it is based on a disregard for the Government's urgent need for war funds as provided for in Secretary Morgenthau's plan.

The argument of the Times assumes that the drastic measure of a sales tax is the sole method left to finance the war. But this assumption overlooks the fact that even under Secretary Morgenthau's plan which does advance along the line of more taxes on the corporations, enormous sums of war profits are still untouched by taxes.

The plan for a sales tax would not only allow the richest corporations to escape, but it would reduce the Government's war revenue, since a sales tax is based on a declining level of consumption.

It is curious that the Times, in its opposition to Morgenthau's corporation taxes, does not feel that the large firms ought to make anywhere near the sacrifices it demands of those which it admits can least afford more burdens.

The trend of Government war financing must be along the line of Morgenthau's higher taxes on corporations—only more so. To propose a sales tax now when the upper brackets still largely escape is to make light of the entire war financing program.

It is time for Labor to speak out before the House Ways and Means Committee in support of Morgenthau's general line of taxing the corporations more heavily, and against the sales tax lobbyists who have thus far had things too much their own way.

New Leader's Strange Actions

Is treason any less dangerous because it is spoken in Spanish rather than in English?

We ask this question as we see the New Leader, paper of the Social-Democratic Federation, properly condemning in one column a notorious appeaser like Father Edward Lodge Curran, and rushing to the defense of another gang of Trotskyite anti-victory appeasers down in Mexico.

The gentry whom the New Leader joins in defending "against the Stalinists in Mexico" are people like Julian Gorkin, Victor Serge, and Marceau Pivert, every one of whom has been notorious in Europe as a Trotskyite conspirator against the anti-fascist cause.

These people helped Franco and Hitler in Spain by their sabotage of the People's Front. They are now helping the Axis against the United States by their sabotage of the policy of the United Nations, and by their virulent hatred of unity against Hitler. Their professional "anti-Stalinism" is nothing but a cloak for a policy of defeatism for the United States. They have the political line of Father Curran, Father Coughlin, William Randolph Hearst, Norman Thomas, and Lindbergh. It is a policy of non-support for this war, and non-support for a total, united victory over the Axis. Every word they speak and write breathes with this defeatism.

In Norman Thomas' Socialist Call, one of these gentry, Marceau Pivert, goes as far as he dares in this country in smearing the united war of America, Britain, the USSR and China against Hitler by insinuating that it is "a war defending (on the one side) and a war seeking to conquer (on the other) world markets and colonies." Thus, the American working class is slyly urged to give no support to the Government's victory effort. To show his treasonous intentions, this Pivert then hints that the war should be turned against the Soviet Union.

That is why these persons are rightly charged with being fifth columnists by the aroused trade unions of Mexico. That is why the pro-America First Norman Thomas welcomes their defeatist propaganda to his paper. To call these men "persecuted anti-fascists" is a mockery of all true anti-fascist vigilance.

Those Americans who have been deceived by the Trotskyites into thinking that Gorkin, Serge and Pivert are "anti-fascists" should awaken to the fact that they are lending their names to defeatist propaganda and to anti-American propaganda. Gorkin, Serge, and Pivert are insidious enemies of President Roosevelt's victory program.

We suggest that the New Leader consider dropping its support for the Father Curran who happen to be in Mexico. Support for these Trotskyites is incompatible with support for the victory policy of the United States.

The Conclusion Is Inescapable

An editorial in the New York Times takes note of the fact that "Germany has virtually abandoned her air attack on England except for token raids." Meanwhile, it explains the comparative ease with which the British are bombing Germany by the fact that "contrary to expectations, the fighter plane commitment of the Nazis on the Russian front has remained throughout the winter."

The conclusion from this should be inescapable. Now is the time for Britain and the United States to open a second front on the Continent. This is the moment to crush Hitler in a squeeze play from East and West simultaneously. And this is the surest way to start bringing about the downfall of the entire Axis and all its partners.



The Herald Tribune Attacks Appeasers and Their Press

We reprint below an editorial appearing in Thursday's New York Herald Tribune attacking the appeasers and the appeaser press. We are in general agreement with the editorial with one exception: we believe that its title, "They All Support the War," should have read: "They Are All Enemies of the War" and that the conclusion of the editorial should have been in keeping with this title.

The text of the editorial follows:
 One of the curious aspects of the current scene is the way in which the ex-isolationists, appeasers, "America-never-will-be-attacked" statesmen and other vocal gentlemen who have been most spectacularly wrong about everything are going right ahead—now firmly wrapped in the flag, of course—spreading their views on war and policy just as if they were still worthy of attention. But what is a good deal curiously the odd way in which these views, however divergent among themselves, invariably come down in one way or another to embarrassing policy or strategy, spreading suspicion or division among the United Nations or making some kind of trouble for the war effort.

These gentlemen come in all sorts of packages, Democratic or Republican, as Congressmen or newspaper publishers, radio commentators or columnists. Thus, the most violent advocate of kicking out the Naval and War Secretaries and hanging the high command for Pearl Harbor turned out to be none other than Senator Tobey, the yellow-umbrella statesman from New Hampshire, who had sought in season and out to lull the nation into isolationist complacency. Similarly, Senator Bennett C. Clark, the even more inveterate pillar of the ostrich policy, is now clamoring for transfer of the Office of Civilian Defense to the Army and a merger of War and Navy Departments—about the only practical effect of which would be further to confuse and wreck a war effort too far behind already because of Senator Clark's earlier contributions to our policy.

Senator Hiram Johnson, the isolationist bitter-end, of course went all out for the war after Pearl Harbor, but his method of doing so was to shout for yanking all our forces back to protect the Pacific

Coast, which would effectively have ruined any possible strategy in the Pacific. In somewhat similar, though less extreme vein, Captain Joseph M. Patterson, whose mass-circulation "Daily News" spread isolationism and appeasement right up to the end, seems to want to yank our forces halfway back, to Hawaii. He is, at any rate, dividing his efforts between emphasizing the need of reinforcing Hawaii and creating suspicion of our Dutch and British allies. It is hardly helpful, under the circumstances.

Colonel Robert R. McCormick's "Chicago Daily Tribune," up to Pearl Harbor the mightiest American voice of appeasement, has naturally enlisted for the duration, like every one else; yet it continues to blanket great areas of the Middle West with every sort of suspicion of the government, to sow doubt of and animosity toward the British and hostility toward the Russians, and to continue propagating the notion that our soldiers are dying not because the Axis sprang its treacherous attack upon this country but because of the machinations of American "warmongers"! This isn't very helpful, either.

Nor are Mr. Hearst's efforts. Mr. Hearst in recent years was not an isolationist—it would be difficult to say just what he was—but he is now dividing his talents between ceaseless insinuations against the British and a fantastic clamor to "send help" to Bataan, which, if anybody paid attention to it, would make a final hash of whatever was left of our Pacific strategy after Mr. Patterson and Senator Johnson had got through.

One could continue at some length with all the others who were completely and abysmally wrong about the war danger before Pearl Harbor but who are highly vocal and excessively unhelpful about the war effort now. Today, to be sure, they are all, like Senator Wheeler, in favor of winning the war; but one wonders why that fact should make them—or anybody else—imagine that they are any safer or more reliable guides to policy than they proved to be in the past, when most of them were consistently opposing everything that might have buttressed our allies, awakened this country or got the wheels of preparedness going in time.

Letters From Our Readers

Poll Tax Martin Dies

Editor, Daily Worker:
 "Congress," said one metropolitan newspaper editorially, "seems to have adopted the Dies Committee as one of its permanent features."

The American people more strongly than before must insist that Congress abolish such an infamous disrupter of unity and persecutor of anti-fascists, liberals and progressive individuals as Mr. Dies' committee has proven to be.

Mr. Dies, himself, owes his post in Congress to a decidedly un-American political device: the poll tax. Thus he can never be regarded a truly democratic representative of the people. Yet incurable reactionaries in Congress have lavished substantial sums of the taxpayers on him for several years now. He and his committee have been discredited. The Dies Committee must be abolished!

Urge Gov. Lehman to Sign Muzzicato Bill to Safeguard 5c Fare

Editor, Daily Worker:
 The Crews Fare Bill passed the Senate March 17. The Muzzicato Bill passed the Assembly on March 16. Now the entire affair is dropped into the lap of the Governor, who must sign either bill within 10 days. We feel that the people of New York want to keep the 5-cent fare. They have shown this by signing thousands of petitions for the Muzzicato Bill.

The only bill that really safeguards the 5-cent fare is the Muzzicato Bill, because in addition to allowing the City Council 30 days after the Board of Estimate raises the fare within which to order a referendum; until the referendum is completed the fare stays at 5 cents. It also provides that any deficit in the subway costs may be met out of general tax funds. This is really the only way the 5-cent fare is safeguarded after Sept. 10, 1942. The Crews Bill says nothing

about meeting the deficit, hence does not really guarantee the 5-cent fare.

The present situation is a grave one for the working people of New York. No single measure can hurt morale more than increasing the 5-cent fare. The social costs of public transportation should be borne out of general tax funds just as costs of other social services are met out of taxation.

Because the Muzzicato Bill is the only real guarantee of saving the 5-cent fare, we urge the Governor to sign the Muzzicato Bill and to veto the Crews Bill.

OSCAR J. ALBERT.

Secretary, City-Wide Legislative Conference of American Labor Party Clubs.

Petitions FDR to Free Earl Browder

Editor, Daily Worker:

The following is a letter which I sent to President Roosevelt:
 "I believe that the American people must be shown by their leaders that true democracy is alive in this country. Our people must be sure of what they are fighting for. Can we die for democracy when one of our country's citizens, one of its staunchest defenders against fascism is imprisoned on a grotesque charge of passport violation?"

"If the Bill of Rights of which you have spoken is to be observed these days as a real symbol of American life and liberty, then Earl Browder must be set free. If unity is to be achieved throughout this country it can be done in no better nor quicker way than by showing our people that their government is loyal to American principles and just to its citizens."

J. F.

Offensives Spell Victory

Editor, Daily Worker:

Today a military policy of defense spells defeat and unnecessarily prolongs the war.

Axis Propaganda Agencies Pour Out Lies on Near East

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, March 19.—During the last few days the German fascist propaganda organs have been busy fabricating all kinds of ridiculous inventions about some kind of fantastic "events" in Iran as a principal theme for their latest campaign of lies, Tass charged today.

This hastily concocted campaign in which there is to be heard the echo of other Hitlerite propaganda agencies such as the Stefani, Havas-Ofi, and the broadcasting stations of the Hitlerite satellites in different parts of Europe, has been marred by a number of discordant notes. Thus, some of the dispatches speak of some kind of "Anglo-Soviet contradictions in Iran" while other reports, on the other hand, would have it that the USSR and Britain have concluded some kind of "agreement on the zones of influence" while still another invention speaks of some kind of "disagreements" between the Iranian government and its allies—the USSR and Great Britain.

Certain authors of these absurd but malicious lies find that Iran does not afford them a big enough field. Hence, they have decided to include Iraq in their inventions. Thus, for instance, the Tokio paper Nichi Nichi on March 15 carried a dispatch from its Istanbul correspondent, who based himself on some kind of "information from Bagdad" to the effect that the "Soviet troops were in South Kurdistan" (where for the information of the Tokio newspaper they never have been). Allegedly on March 11 they "suddenly crossed the Iran-Iraq frontier and entered the territory of Iraq." And the Trans-Ocean Agency recklessly declares that the "nomads are in revolt around Iran," and goes on to state that Soviet troops are moving from some unknown direction "marching along the road to Oail, district of Mosul."

All these ridiculous dispatches, declares Tass, are invented from beginning to end and are equally mendacious regardless of what section of the territory of Iran or Iraq they refer to.

A few days ago, the Iranian newspaper Ettelaat gave a fitting rebuttal to this campaign of lies, rightly declaring that neither the USSR nor Great Britain had presented any territorial claims to Iran and that "no divergencies existed between Iran and its allies."

The inventions of Berlin and its satellites most probably would have deserved no mention had not this spring stir and bustle in the camp of the Hitlerite liars coincided with other provocative intrigues and suspicious preparations of Hitlerite Germany directed against the peace and security of a number of countries of the Near East.

One can easily surmise some of the aims pursued by the aforementioned circulated inventions when it is borne in mind that at a press conference in the Hitlerite Ministry of Foreign Affairs, March 16, the journalists were presented with a statement that the "forthcoming inclusion of Iranian Azerbaijan in the Soviet Union is most instructive for Turkey."

Following the suspicious "attempt on the life" of Von Papen, the Hitlerites are inventing new ways and means of influencing the foreign policy of Turkey and endeavoring through such a "war of nerves" to clear the path for aggressive adventures in the Near East.

Soviet Rifle Fire Downs Nazi Planes

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, March 19.—A dispatch to Pravda today said that in four days 37 German planes had been brought down on the Leningrad Front. A significant role in the struggle against enemy aviation is being played not only by the Soviet aviation and artillery but also by the infantry.

This is evident from a secret order issued by the General Staff of the 23rd German Army which was captured by Soviet troops. The order states that not only the rifle fire of the Soviet infantry but even the cavalry is inflicting losses on German aviation. The order calls on the German soldiers to follow the example of the Red Army men in fighting against enemy aviation. The dispatch said the 92nd Soviet Infantry Division brought down 62 German planes by rifle and automatic rifle fire; the 65th Infantry Division brought down 23 planes and dozens of other Soviet divisions brought down enemy planes in the same manner.

Honor Soviet Pilots

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, March 19.—Four Soviet pilots yesterday were decorated with the highest British aviation orders. Awards were made in Murmansk by Lieutenant General Mason McParlane, head of the British Military Mission in Moscow. These pilots have been flying British hurricanes since last autumn and the unit under the command of Boris Safonov brought down 23 enemy planes. The award follows the decoration by the Soviet Government of four British pilots not long ago.

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CONSTANT READER



Culture and the War as
Reflected in Some Issues
Of the 'Moscow News'
By SENDER GARLIN

AFTER traveling more than half way around the world, four issues of the Moscow News, English-language daily published in the USSR, have arrived in New York. They are dated Oct. 6, 8, 10 and 13 of last year. The papers deal with occurrences five months old, but they are as exciting as tomorrow's headlines.

First thing that strikes you in the issue of Oct. 13th, for instance, is the text of a radio speech broadcast to America on Columbus Day by Ivan D. Papanin, North Pole hero, who declared, "Columbus opened up America—Hitler wants to close it down." A fine epigram, you'll agree!

There are communiques from the fighting fronts, exciting photographs of civilians behind the lines, women harvesting on a collective farm, a scene in a Leningrad plant showing women engaged in the production of combustible bottles for use against tanks. There are photographs of famous actresses of Moscow theatres turned nurses, of Italian fascist soldiers who dropped their guns and surrendered, and of a Red Navy submarine guarding the approaches to Leningrad moving down the famous Neva River.

In war as in peace the Soviet press shows the most passionate interest in culture. It reflects in its columns the organic relation of books, the theatre, films and music to the life of the people of the USSR. The press in the USSR does not view cultural activities as something extra-curricular, but as the very texture of Soviet life.

The discussion of a new, vital book, a play, opera, ballet or film is a major event in Soviet life. Now has the war placed a moratorium on culture. On the contrary, the artistic life of the nation is more vibrant than ever. This is shown by the activities of publishing houses, the theatres, the film studios. In the musical world it has been eloquently demonstrated by the great achievements of Dmitri Shostakovich and the ardent reception accorded Shostakovich's Seventh Symphony when it was performed recently in Kulybashev.

To many readers outside Russia Leo Tolstoy's epic novel, "War and Peace" was just another one of those "long books," until the Nazi attack upon the Soviet Union and the talk about Napoleon's disastrous retreat evoked parallels with the present situation. It took a major war to revive interest in what was always a major work of art. An American publisher has just announced a new edition of Tolstoy's classic, but one gets an uncomfortable feeling when one learns that the editors plan to "modernize" the story by giving the characters "short, snappy nicknames" so the reader can keep track of them.

Since the Bolshevik Revolution millions of copies of Tolstoy's works have been bought and read in the USSR. Some of his plays, like "Resurrection" and "Anna Karenina" have been on the permanent repertoire of the famous Moscow Art Theatre. But now we learn from the Moscow News that "War and Peace" is now in rehearsal at the Moscow Maly Theatre. "The second part is particularly in tune with the present day," the theatre's art director, Ilya Shchegolev, told a representative of the paper.

The same theatre is also working on "Partisans in the Ukrainian Steppes," a new play by the Ukrainian playwright, Kornelchuk. Still another addition to the Maly Theatre repertoire will be "The Merchant Family," a stage version of Emile Zola's tale, "The Attack on the Mill," an episode from the Franco-Prussian war, showing the brave fight put up by an old miller, his daughter and her sweetheart against the Prussians, a fight that seems hopeless at first but which is crowned with victory.

A spirit of optimism pervades this little paper, the Moscow News. Characteristic is the report of a group of theatre people—actors, dancers and singers—who had returned from the front where they had been entertaining Red Army fighters. These front-line entertainers told how they performed on a stage propped with bombs. Here is the story as related by one of the cast: "At one point when our dancer was performing I noticed that a commander, sitting up front, bent down as if to look under the truck, then rose and looked around for someone. One of the pilots came over to him and whispered something in his ear. The commander smiled and sat down again.

"Later on we discovered why he had looked worried. The sides of the truck had been resting on some large demolition bombs which served as supports for our stage. When I heard that, I must admit a cold shudder ran down my spine. However, I went back onto the stage and said: 'Comrades, I understand there are some rather important objects under here. Here's hoping they get to their destination.'

"Then the commander got up and said: 'Dear guests! Your performance has given us great pleasure. Now we have one more favor to ask of you. Please take this chalk and autograph these bombs for us so we'll make no mistake.' We raised the sides of the truck, and each of us chalked his name on the huge explosive bombs. Then we left. The next day, as we were performing for another unit of the Red Army, we were handed the following telegram:

"Dear Comrades. All autographs sent to destination. Come again!"

Dr. Friedrich Wolf, the famous anti-Nazi physician and author, was in New York some years ago in connection with the presentation of his "Sailors of Cato" by the Theatre Union. He returned to the Soviet Union. When the Nazis began to move he happened to be in Paris and was one of several hundred anti-fascist intellectuals thrown into French concentration camps. Now he is miraculously back in the Soviet Union, and the Moscow News reports that a new book of short stories by Dr. Wolf, "Dangerous Applause," has just been published. Two of the tales tell of life in the concentration camp at Le Vergne, in which the author was interned together with 800 members of the International Brigades. The camp had been set up by the Baladler government on the German fascist model, for "politically unreliable" elements.

Commenting on Wolf's new book a reviewer says that the author's "simple stirring tales arouse the indignation of the reader and make him more determined to fight against bloodthirsty fascism. They will go down in German literature as genuine works of art, records of episodes in the dark history of fascist rule."

In the issues of the Moscow News at hand are found stirring reports of the great anti-fascist rally of 2,000 Soviet scientists in Moscow at the moment the Nazis were clutching the Soviet capital by the throat. "The United States of America—the land of Franklin and Edison," said the President of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR "has become the industrial base of the world anti-fascist front."

Amidst death and destruction life goes on in the Soviet Union. While Soviet anti-aircraft guns bring down Nazi bombers, publishing houses issue editions of the classics, theatres rehearse new plays and composers create new symphonies. Schools, colleges and universities continue to train new generations in the spirit that has made the Soviet Union great.

In these grim days of war—the solemn fugues of Bach, the impassioned sonatas of Beethoven, the stirring symphonies of Tchaikovsky resound within the walls of the Great Hall of the Conservatory of Music just as they did in the days of Rubinstein and Tchaikovsky. Only the audience has changed, and there is a generous sprinkling of uniformed men to remind you that the country is at war."

So begins a Moscow News report of activities at the Moscow Conservatory of Music. It tells of Red Cross work after school hours, of the Concert Bureau which sends brigades of teachers and students to perform before Red Army fighters; it describes the activities of the ARP unit which has extinguished dozens of incendiary bombs which the Nazi barbarians rained down on the cupola of the main hall whose walls are graced by portraits of Gluck, Mozart, Berlioz and Beethoven.

The Moscow News these days has the flavor of the characteristic Soviet military communique with its understatement and its tone of confident irony. It's a pity American readers can't get the paper more regularly, for it pictures the many-sided political, cultural and social facets of Soviet life. It is the desire to know more about the USSR that has brought about such a great demand for new periodicals about the Soviet Union in Great Britain, for instance. And they are gradually learning it despite the assiduous activities of the Valinas, Lyonses, Eastmans, Fishers and their Fifth Column clique.

["Constant Reader" appears every Wednesday and Friday.]

Trade Unions In V Drama Festival

The Trade Union Dramatic Directors Council is an organization devoted to the purpose of developing theatre activity in all of the trade unions in this city. It is sponsoring a Drama Festival Friday night, April 10, at Pines Hall, 13 W. 128th St., N. Y. C. Originally started by the New Theatre League, this organization has increased its scope until now it is serving the trade union dramatic movement in many ways—providing directors for newly formed groups, promoting the writing of dramatic skits and sketches for use by existing dramatic groups.

The unions' place in the defense program will be the theme of the evening. Original material will be presented by the dramatic groups of the following unions: Hotel and Club Employees Union, Local 6; United Wholesale and Warehouse Employees, Local 65; United Office and Professional Workers of America; Cafeteria Employees Union, Local 302; Fur Dressers and Dyers Union and Department Store Employees Union.

Tickets may be obtained at the union offices and the New Theatre League, 135 W. 44th St.

How about those textbooks you have finished studying? Why not take them off your shelf and put them back to work? The Victory Book Campaign wants those very texts for our soldiers, sailors, and marines!

ERNST TOLLER



This sculptured head of Ernst Toller, the late German anti-fascist poet and dramatist, is part of Hesketh's exhibition now on view at the Ferragelli's, 63 East 57th Street.

Philadelphia Symphony in All-Russian Concert, WOR

Joseph Schildkraut, starred in Maxwell Anderson play, "The Miracle of the Danube," WNYC, 5 P.M. . . . All-Russian Concert by Philadelphia Orchestra, WOR, 2:30 P.M. . . . Randolph Scott on Kate Smith Hour, WABC, 8 P.M. . . . DAILY WORKER NEWSCAST, WHOM, 9:45 P.M.

MORNING
9:30-WJZ—Breakfast Club
WOR—News
WEAF—Woman's Program
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11:00-WMCA—News
WOR—WNYC—News
WABC—Victory in the Home
WQXR—Everybody's Business
WHN—The Music Shop
11:15-WOR—Basin Betty Talks
WNYC—Musical Comedy Memories
11:45-WNYC—You and Your Health
AFTERNOON
12:30-WOR—News
WEAF—News at Noon
WNYC—Midday Symphony
WABC—Kate Smith Speaks
12:30-WNYC—United Parent Teachers Association
1:00-WMCA—News
WQXR—Lunchtime Concert
1:05-WNYC—Intercollegiate Debate
1:30-WNYC—United Parent Teachers Association
2:00-WMCA—News
WOR—Martha Deane
WJZ—Music Appreciation Hour
WQXR—Afternoon Concert
2:15-WNYC—Warship Time, Baseball
2:25-WNYC—Dodgers vs. N. Y. Yankees
2:30-WOR—Philadelphia Orchestra
2:30-WMCA—News
WQXR—Your Request Program
2:45-WNYC—News
WJZ—Club Malinee
WQXR—Mid-afternoon Concert
4:15-WNYC—Art Discussion from NYU
4:30-WNYC—Treasury Hour
WOR—Children's Program
5:00-WMCA—News
WJZ—Children's Hour

At Apollo



Nikolai Cherkasov in the title role of "Alexander Nevsky," Soviet film epic directed by Frakehoff, now playing at the Apollo Theatre on West 42nd St.

'GUEST IN THE HOUSE'



Mary Anderson and Leon Ames in a scene from the play "Guest in the House," now at the Plymouth Theatre.

'Johnny Doodle' Tells History in Folk Song

JOHNNY DOODLE, a play about America's fight for freedom, by Jane McLeod and Alfred Saxe. Directed by Alfred Saxe. Incidental music and musical direction by Lan Adomian; dances by Felicia Sorel, setting by Clay Turdin. Presented by the Popular Theatre, 220 West 57th Street.

By Ralph Warner

Somewhere down the years, many Americans lost the flavor of their Americanism. Perhaps the lush Twenties, followed by the crashing Thirties bred forgetfulness. More recently, however, there has been a rebirth of interest and enthusiasm, not for the stodgy historical figures who

stand like bad statues along the American road, but for the American people who made their nation great. "Johnny Doodle" celebrates, in the first full-length theatrical production, this reawakening. It is described as a play by the Popular Theatre's program. It is, however, a folk song pagant with music and additional dialogue. In recent seasons, you've seen pagants about America's historic development. And you've thrilled to Earl Robinson's "Ballad for Americans." Until now, no attempt has been made to compress this great story and the homey, native songs which rose out of the hearts of the multitude within the confines of theatrical entertainment.

Johnny Doodle is a ferryboat captain whose vessel is about to be laid up forever. He convinces the passengers on his last trip to accompany him on a cruise up the Hudson Valley. As they pass the historic spots where the Revolution was born, where untrained woodsmen with muskets in their hands repelled the red coats, he relates the story of America. It was always a

fight for freedom, freedom from unjust taxation, from piracy on the seas, from slavery. And it was also a struggle for production, a victorious battle won by hard work. Eleven scenes and eleven songs tell the tale of war and peace, of the opening of the west, the building of the Erie Canal, of "Fulton's Folly," and the first railroad. Lincoln walks across the stage, and at the end, we are told that in 1942 the struggle still continues—to work, fight and be free.

A sturdy narrative this might have been. But Alfred Saxe, Lan Adomian and Felicia Sorel, who directed respectively the dialogue, musical arrangements and choreography, have done a wonderful job with the material at hand. Their little company is, and this must be frankly admitted, mainly composed of amateurs. These stalwart men and women of the theatre, aided by the veteran Art Smith as Johnny Doodle, not only act many roles, but sing and dance, although they are neither singers nor dancers. Costume changes—accomplished chiefly by a change of hats or aprons—take place on stage. Scene changes are made with a hand prop or two of the crudest kind.

Yet "Johnny Doodle" sings along its way with the verve and spirit characteristic of the American people, whose great history it sketches.

Many of the songs which form the core of the impromptu scenes are lively folk tunes such as "Hey, Betty Martin," "The Constitution and the Querre," "Steamboat Days," and "A Mule Named Sal." They still live with the good humor and joy of the pioneer days. High



John O'Shaughnessy as he appears in "Johnny Doodle."

spots in the performance are the steamboat scene, the ingenious dance patterns of "The Iron Horse" episode, the somber "Abe Lincoln Ballad," and, of course, the gay square dance which literally rips the roof off the little Blackfriars Theatre.

Art Smith carries the cast along with him as the quizzical captain of the ferryboat. John O'Shaughnessy was especially good as Abe Lincoln. Olga Kruger, Anne Gold and Frances Heywood play many roles, sing and dance with abandon. Tom Pedit brings rough humor into many scenes. Mordcael Hauman lends his fine voice too infrequently to the proceedings. The others work like all hellangone to put the show over—and do.

"Johnny Doodle" deserves full-scale professional treatment. It is a difficult assignment for any cast. The dusty, dull Broadway theatre, however, will probably not understand its importance, nor how deeply it searches beneath the surface of American life. You are urged to see it now, played with great enthusiasm by the Popular Theatre.

Defense Films Now on Hand For Rallies

The Civilian Defense Volunteers Office of New York City established a Film Bureau at 93 Park Ave., last month. Its job will be to instruct and give information to Civilian Defense agencies through the medium of the motion picture.

Originally established in the borough of Manhattan, the Film Bureau now has a department in every borough of the city. Contributions of service and time are on a voluntary basis. Local 306 of the Motion Picture Operators Union is cooperating. More than thirty 16mm sound projectors have been secured for a pool of machines. A large number of films have been evaluated and programs of recommended films are being arranged. Special programs have been prepared for the teachings of Air Raid Warden groups and for use at defense rallies. Film programs are supplemented by a speaker assigned by the CDOV speakers' bureau.

The Film Bureau in New York announces that it is willing to cooperate with Civilian Defense agencies of other cities in the setting up of similar film bureaus.

A unique five-week showing of the art collections of 180 celebrities from the entertainment and literary worlds will be opened to the public at the Demotte Gallery, 30 E. 51 St., on March 26 for the benefit of United China Relief and the British and Russian War Relief Societies.

Sponsored by a committee that includes Dr. Hu Shih, Chinese Ambassador to the United States, Lord and Lady Halifax, Ambassador and Mrs. Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ogden Stewart, and Mr. and Mrs. Fredric March, the "Art and the Stars" showing will get under way with two private previews March 24 and 25 at which the collectors will exhibit their paintings and sculpture to an invited list of 3,000 guests.

It will be the first time that any stage, screen, radio and literary group has collaborated in an exhibition of this scope to support the cause of relief for the civilian populations of America's allies.

On display will be Doris Lee's painting "Snow Boat," loaned for the occasion by Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Luce; Alexander Brook's portraits of Katherine Hepburn and Fredric March's daughter, Penelope, and Paul Gauguin's "South Sea Islands," owned by William Paley, president of Columbia Broadcasting System.

Other exhibitors will include Mr. and Mrs. Arturo Toscanini, Lawrence Tibbett, H. V. Kaltenborn, Richard Wright, Eugene Ormandy, and Lillian Hellman.

The exhibit is being conducted under the auspices of the New Art Circle, and admissions will be \$1 on the opening days, and 50 cents thereafter.

Children's Art of Western World at Brooklyn Museum

An exhibition of art by children of the Western Hemisphere opens at the Brooklyn Museum on Saturday, March 21, and will remain on view at the Museum through Sunday, April 19.

Presented by the Museum in cooperation with the Progressive Education Association, it was assembled with the assistance of the State Department for the Eighth International Conference of the New Educational Fellowship, sponsored by the Office of the Co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs. Unlike the work at the previous NEF Conference, which included material from all parts of the world, this exhibition concentrates on the work of the children in the Western Hemisphere.

Because of their content, the exhibits are of interest to the general public as well as to art teachers and students, since the pictures reflect the life of each country represented.

The exhibits cover a large range of media, including oil, water color, crayon, woodcut and pencil. The pictures are shown by country and each exhibit is marked with the age of the child artist.

Sam Wood Directs 'Corn Is Green'

Sam Wood, who directed the current "Kings Row" for Warner Bros., has been signed by the company to direct a series of pictures over a period of several years. His first assignment under the new deal will be "The Corn Is Green," from the Broadway hit, to be produced this summer by Hal B. Wallis.

'Girl from Leningrad' In Brownsville, Brighton

The Utica Theatre, Utica Ave. and St. Johns in Brownsville, starts showing "Girl from Leningrad" Friday, March 20. In Brighton, the Tuxedo Theatre, Brighton Beach Ave. will also offer "Girl from Leningrad" at the same time.

Song of the Broad-Axe

By WALT WHITMAN

(In response to our request for readers to send in their favorite Whitman poems J. R. mailed us this selection from "Song of the Broad-Axe," calling it "the most timely of all." March 28 marks the 50th anniversary of Whitman's death, and May 31 will be the 123rd anniversary of his birth. We invite contributions and comments on the Poet of Democracy.)

I see the European headman,
He stands mask'd, clothed in red, with huge legs and
naked arms,
And leans on a ponderous axe.
(Whom have you slaughtered lately, European headman?
Whose is that blood upon you so wet and sticky?)

I see the clear sunsets of the martyrs

I see those who in any land have died for the good cause,
The seed is spare, nevertheless the crop shall never run out.

H. H. Lewis, Farmer-Poet G. Freissen, Kreymborg At Reading Tonight

Alfred Kreymborg, poet, editor, and anthologist, will comment on poems about the sharecroppers which will be read by the farmer-poet from Southern Missouri, H. H. Lewis, at the work-in-progress reading tonight, at 237 E. 51st St. Mr. Lewis, a people's poet who was awarded the Harriet Monroe Lyric Prize in 1938 and whose poems have been set to music and translated into five languages, is a working farmer who recently arrived in New York City.

Musicians Donate Talent For Russian War Relief

The first concert to be given at the Greenwich Village-Cramercy Park Russian War Relief headquarters, 46 E. 9th St., New York City, will be held at 8:30 tonight. Donating their services for this evening are the Belich String Quartet, composed of members of the New York Philharmonic and WQXR Symphony Orchestra; Vivian Rivkin, pianist, who is well remembered for her playing of the piano part of the Shostakovich Quintette at Carnegie Hall last year; and the Dean Dixon Chorus, a group of about 40 mixed voices under the direction of the eminent young conductor whose NBC and New York Philharmonic concerts have been outstanding music events of the year.

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Robinson After 29th Straight, Foe Is Constant Punching, Unfloored Scrapper—Prelim Introduces Coast Sensation

Ray Robinson, the 21 year old Negro welterweight who is rapidly becoming in the lighter divisions what Joe Louis has long been as a heavyweight, faces another strong test tonight when he meets Norm Rubio, aggressive puncher from Albany, in a 12 rounder at the Garden.

Like Louis, who goes after his 29th consecutive victory one week from tonight against Abe Simon, Robinson also goes after his 29th tonight. The unbeaten stylist from Harlem has the most impressive record of any fighter boxing today, with 117 straight victories, counting his amateur days. Like Louis, Ray takes 'em on one and all, the tougher the better.

Rubio promises some trouble. He charges forward fists flying and doesn't give an opponent much room to punch. Robinson will have to utilize all his flashing speed and foot to get into hitting range. Rubio has never been stopped or floored and has always kept up his fast pace from beginning to end.

In the main prelim Cleo Shans, crack Los Angeles lightweight, makes his first Eastern appearance, meeting Freddie Archer of Newark. In another eight Bill Speary of Nanticoke, Pa., former amateur champ, meets Jimmy Hatcher of North Carolina. Three four round bouts out the program.

Tickets are \$1.15 general admis-

FISTIC ROW

Abe Simon is working hard at his Summit, New Jersey training camp for next week's bout with Joe Louis. The Long Island behemoth is a notoriously faithful and intelligent worker in conditioning himself, and promises to be better than last time, when he went 13 rounds with the champ, the bout ending with Abe still on his feet.

Chester Rico, young Bronx lightweight, has made a nice quick "comeback" after his defeat in his Garden debut by Tippy Larkin, only his third defeat. Since then he has KO'd two tough foes, Mike Bellio and Mikeo Grispas, the latter, Greek lightweight champ, Tuesday night at the Coliseum.

PORT DIX, N. J., March 19 (UP).—Heavyweight champion Joe Louis devoted his sparring session to sharpening various punches today in preparation for his title fight against Abe Simon in Madison Square Garden March 27 for army emergency relief.

Dodgers Beat Cards in 1st Test, 4-2

'Psychological Victory' Won by Higbe, French, Davis

In the first clash between the teams unanimously picked to fight it out for the National League pennant, the Brooklyn Dodgers yesterday beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-2 in an exhibition tilt at St. Petersburg.

Though the season doesn't open for another month and the exhibitions don't count, both Durocher and Southworth were aware of the psychological implications of the game and put in first line pitchers. Kirby Higbe, 22-game winner, in his first fine performance of the season, blanked the Cards for three innings. Larry French, southpaw veteran who is looking unusually good this spring, then held them to one run in the next four frames.

Curt Davis mopped up adequately with his sinker. The Cards opened fire with Mort Cooper, who matched Higbe's scored frames. Clyde Shoun granted one run, matching French, but Gumbert was gleefully pounced on in the eighth for three runs and the ball game.

And that ain't nothing, St. Louis! Wait till the season starts.

Square Garden March 27 for army emergency relief. Louis boxed six rounds and did six miles road work. He weighed 210 at the end of the workout.

SUMMIT, N. J., March 19 (UP).—Abe Simon of New York, who meets heavyweight champion Joe Louis at Madison Square Garden in a title fight for army emergency relief March 27, continued attempts to perfect his left jab in today's workout. After a long shadow-boxing session, Simon was down to a "trim" 246 pounds.

MORE PILLS! ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 19 (UP).—The pitching is all that could be asked for but the hitting is anemic despite the vitamin pills that the batters take as regularly as they do their steak and potatoes. Manager Billy Southworth said today in summing up the progress of his St. Louis Cardinals.

Big Basketball Show Arranged For Allied Relief

MET ALL STARS VS. TOURNEY TEAM AT GARDEN ON 28TH

A bang climax to the current National Invitation basketball tourney at the Garden was arranged yesterday for Allied War Relief. The feature game will pit an all metropolitan team selected by the Basketball Writers against an All Tourney team selected from the out-of-town contestants by a coaches committee. Joe Brennan of St. Francis will coach the All Mets and the coach of the winning tourney team will handle the visiting stars.

The preliminary game will have as one of its teams a squad of the outstanding men in service in the Second Corps Area. The other team is still problematical, with hopes of getting the Great Lakes Naval team on the wane, but still alive.

The show will take place Saturday night, March 28th, at the Garden. The tourney ends Wednesday the 25th. All receipts will go to Allied War Relief as basketball does its part.

Lombardi Aims to Make Reds Very, Very Sorry

Big Catcher, Now With Braves, Mad at Being Traded at First Bad Year, Is Much Lighter and Hitting Hard

SANFORD, Fla., March 19 (UP).—Big Ernie Lombardi, who is down to 220 pounds because he didn't eat spaghetti "more than once or twice all winter," announced today that he intends to make the Cincinnati Reds very sorry they traded him away to the Boston Braves.

"I weigh only 220 pounds," he, Cyano of the iron mask, explained, "that's because I realized what a sacrifice I made to get myself in shape. I now weigh less than at any time in the past seven years. I figured Mr. Giles (Warren Giles, general manager of the Reds) would get rid of me as soon as the club and I had a bad year at the same time. We never got along too well in the last couple of years."

However, I was a bit surprised that the Reds didn't get more for me," Big Schnozz believes rolicking Rolfe Hemsley, bought from Cleveland to take his place, would fill the job. He says he thinks he will do all right himself with the Braves, too. He expected to catch 100 or more games again this season as he has done for the past 10.

"I caught 117 games last season and batted .264," he said. "That was a decline in my hitting from the year before. In 1938, (that season Lombardi hit .342 and won both the National League title and the most valuable player award.) But I'm coming right back and I know that my friends in Cincinnati are going to be very sorry that I have left them."

A gent who agrees with the Schnozz is his new manager, Casey Stengel.

"You never saw Lom looking better," Casey explained. "We never said a word to him. He took off all that weight of his own accord and he has really been murdering the ball. We have Clyde Klutts and Phil Masi behind him and three such catchers will hold up with any in the league."

If Lombardi gets his wish, the Reds will find they have bought plenty of trouble from their ex-colleague.

"I've received 60 letters from Cincinnati fans," he concluded. "They have all encouraged me to make a real comeback and make the Reds really sorry that they let me go as soon as I had my first poor year."

INDIANS

SARASOTA, Fla., March 19 (UP).—The Cleveland Indians were here today to meet the Boston Red Sox. But talk centered on Steve Gromak, 22-year-old pitching rookie, who proved to be a diamond in the rough as he went five innings against the New York Giants yesterday and allowed a run and two hits as the tribe dusted off a 5-4 win. Chubby Dean also looked better than the three runs and four hits the Giants made off him in four innings. In the hitting department Russ Peters accounted for two homers.

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and Evening Worker are 35c per line (8 words to a line—11 lines minimum). DEADLINE: Daily at 11 Noon. Evening, 5 P.M. Friday.

Tonight Manhattan MAJOR MILTON WOLFF will lecture "Defense Will Not Win the War" at Workers Book Shop, 50 E. 13th St., N. Y. C. Friday, March 20, 8:30 P.M.

Brooklyn 24TH ANNIVERSARY Red Army and 15th Year Bird-Budjan, 8:30 P.M. IWO Center, 118 St. Johns Pl. (cor. Albany). Speakers: General Yakhontoff, Subj. 3c. Amp: Eastern Parkway "Lor."

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Ray Blades Rates Cards Team to Beat

Ex-Manager, Familiar With Personnel, Says They're Tough

TAMPA, Fla., March 17 (UP).—The man who knows the St. Louis Cardinals better than anybody outside their own organization says they are going to be mighty tough to head off in the National League pennant race. He's Ray Blades, who almost led the Cards to a pennant in 1939 but is now one of Bill McKee's chief lieutenants with the Cincinnati Reds.

"I'm familiar with most of the players on the St. Louis club," Blades said before today's game with the Giants. "The majority of them played under me, and most of the rest I knew in the minors. It's my observation that the Cards will be tough to beat all right. But it's also my guess that they'll be in a little trouble if anything should happen to catcher Gus Mancuso. He did a fine job for them last year and is a more important man on that club than is generally supposed."

"Mind you, I'm not saying the Cardinals will win the pennant but they are going to cause a lot of trouble. I don't like to compare clubs, but I think the Reds, Cardinals and Dodgers all have their strong points. With Cincinnati it's pitching and defense. Brooklyn has a more seasoned team and fellows who can hit the ball over the fence. The Cards have the speed, all-round strength and strong replacements on their two class double 'A' farm clubs in case there's a real pinch for players because of the war."

The young Cardinal players with whom Blades is not familiar are the rookies: outfielders Stan Musial, first baseman Ray Sanders and pitcher Howard Pollet, but he's seen them in a couple of exhibition games this spring.

"Musial looks like a great hitter," Blades said. "Sanders also looks like a hitter. I like his stance at the plate and his cut, but he's supposed to have a bad arm. He might be able to get by with it but there are times when a man's on first and a ball's hit to the infield and there's no play at second. If Sanders can't stop that man from going to third, it may prove a big disadvantage. I haven't seen much of Pollet but he looks like he's sneaky and has good control for a lefty."

Blades, an old outfielder himself, does not think the Reds' outfield is as weak as rated, because of the ground covering ability of the three top-line Cincinnati gardeners. "With Mike McCormick, Craft and Goodman playing the outfield," Blades said, "the Reds will be as good defensively as anybody. If those fellows hit there's nothing wrong with the Reds' outfield."

Blades gives the Reds a substantial edge in pitching among the three contenders and is inclined to believe that the Cards will have a shade on the Dodgers in that department. "The Cards have a lot of fellows to pick their stuff from," Blades said. "Cooper, Warnke, Lanier, Pollet, Kist, White, and Gumbert give them a good group. I believe that Cooper was faster than ever after his arm operation last year but tired a little. Every year they say Warnke's just about through but he does as good or better every year. They also have two good-looking youngsters in Beasley and Jurisich. I had them when I managed New Orleans and they are comers but they might need another year. There are very few pitchers faster than Jurisich. He's only 20 and I expect he'll develop into a big timer."

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On The Score Board

Touching on Several Sport Topics

By Lester Rodney

APOLOGIES to all those who wrote for information on the free school gyms now open nights in their neighborhoods. The letters just piled up and slipped by us. The requested information will be en route tomorrow.

RECOMMENDED to those who have never seen a truly great American prize fighter in action—tonight's Garden program. You'll see Ray Robinson, the kid from Harlem who moves faster and hits harder than any welterweight these eyes (29-20 with my glasses on) and many other eyes have ever seen—beaten in 117 fights, 89 as an amateur, 28 as a pro. He's meeting a really tough customer tonight in one Norm Rubio, a sturdy, perpetually punching lad with a good record and lots of heart. But then all fighters have lots of heart. It hurts when you get hit.

MEET THE NEW DODGERS Dep't—Cliff Dapper, likely looking young catcher who appears sure to stick is 6-2, 190 pounds, was just 22 years old. Born and brought up in Los Angeles, he starred in American Legion Junior Baseball and moved right from George Washington High School up to the Hollywood team of the Coast League. Hit .277, batting in 68 runs and is renowned for his fireball throwing arm. To help support a large family, Cliff worked all winter operating a drop hammer in an LA defense plant.

Chet Kehn—"young Tommy Bridges." This slim 20-year-old curve baller is three years out of San Diego High School, moving right up through Dayton, Elmira, Montreal to Brooklyn. Pitching for San Diego's kid Legion team, Chet beat Hal Newhouse, Detroit's young southpaw, for the national title. Not too fast, the slightly built 20-year-old Kehn has developed a great curve ball, which requires exceptional finger strength and wrist action. He squeezes sponge balls and rattles a rowing machine at the local gym all winter long. Chet's peak last year came against Jersey City, only one man reaching base on a scratch hit. Next time out he pitched perfect ball against Syracuse till the 7th, making 30 successive batters retired in order.

This pair, Kehn and Dapper, makes up as likely a young battery as has come along in some time.

That LIU-Virginia Union game we reported will take place on April 4 at the Renaissance Casino in New York as part of a double-header also involving the Rams and a college All Star team. Virginia Union is the best Negro college team in the land.

Coach Clair Bee of LIU took the opening round tourney defeat of the Brooklynites in stride, and gave the gallant little West Virginians full credit. The great record of LIU still stands as a tribute to his coaching when it is considered that four out of last year's five regulars had graduated. Next year will be a different story, with only Beenders slated to graduate. In the five years of the tourney's history, LIU has been in it every time. It has been eliminated in the opening round and won the championship regularly on alternate years.

Coach Ed Hickey of the Creighton team says he and his boys are particularly thrilled at the sortsmanship prevalent in the tourney and the interesting meetings with the boys from all different sections of the land. The Texas team, fresh from its heartbreaking one point defeat, made a mass pilgrimage upon dressing to the Creighton dressing room to congratulate the victors, with them well and chew over the details of the game. Hickey says the win over Texas was by all odds the greatest game his boys have played all year and Texas the toughest team. Creighton will meet the winners of last night's CCNY-West Kentucky game in one of the semi-final rounds Monday. On their showing, they are rated a better bet than West Virginia to get through to the finals. Lots of action to come. And then the grand finale for the Allied Relief Fund, something all coaches and players in the tourney greeted with enthusiasm.

EXHIBITION SCORES:

At Orlando, Fla. New York (A).....000 200 100-3 11 1 Wash. (A).....001 000 215-4 10 2 McGee, Melton (6) and Danning; Blaemire (6); Wilson, Leonard (6); McCullough (6) and Early.

At St. Petersburg, Fla. Brooklyn (N).....000 010 030-4 9 1 St. Louis (N).....000 001 010-2 8 2 Higbe, French (4), Davis (8) and Owen; M. Cooper, Shoun (4), Gumbert (7), Dickson (9) and O'Des, W. Cooper (6).

At Lake Wales, Fla. New York (A).....010 000 002-3 6 1 Columbus (AA).....000 002 205-4 6 1 Bonham, Gettel (6) and Robinson; Wenslow, Johnson (4) and Kearse, Niarhos (6).

At Daytona Beach, Fla. St. Louis (N).....200 001 000-3 7 0 B'klyn B-team.....001-301 005-4 1 1 Galehouse, Ferens (5), Moncriel (7) and Swift; Lockbaum, Webber (7) and Howell.

Detroit (A).....105 000 000-3 5 9 Cincinnati (N).....030 000 001-4 9 1 Fuchs, Trucks (6) and Tabbott; Thompson, Vander Meer (4), Der-ringer (7) and Hemsley, Lakeman (7).

Cleveland (A).....120 000 000-3 7 0 Boston (A).....200 000 000-2 6 1 Kennedy, Smith (6) and DeSaule, Hegan (6); Chase, Wagner (6) and Conroy.

KOTZ TOPS BIG TEN CHICAGO, March 19 (UP).—Johnny Kotz, University of Wisconsin forward who set in all-time big ten basketball scoring record this season, was chosen as the conference's most valuable player to-day in a poll conducted by radio station WGN

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